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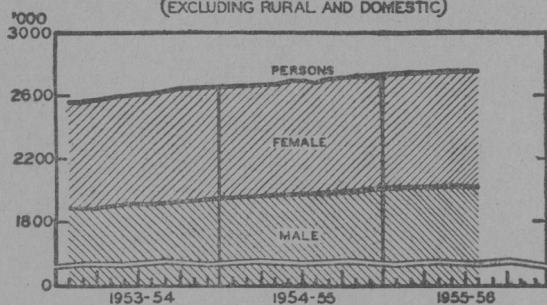
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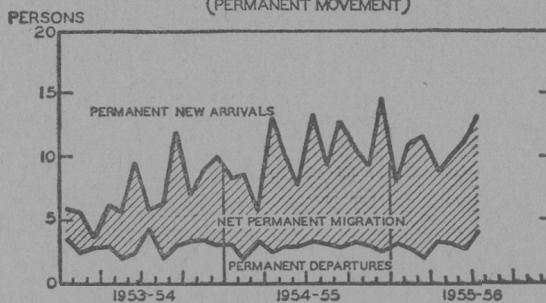
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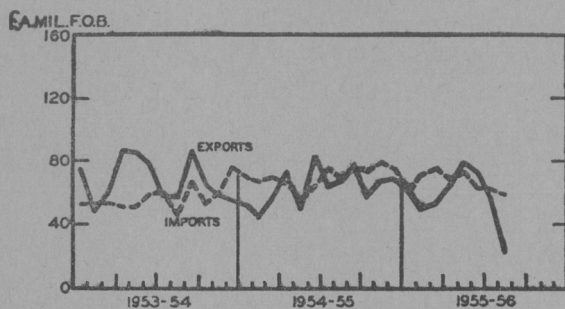
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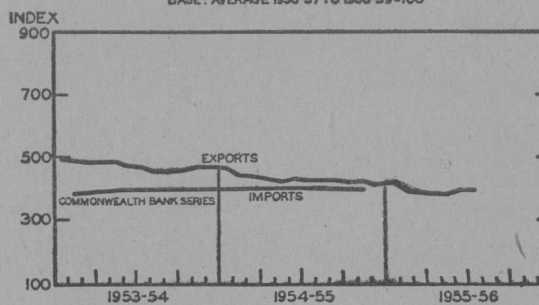
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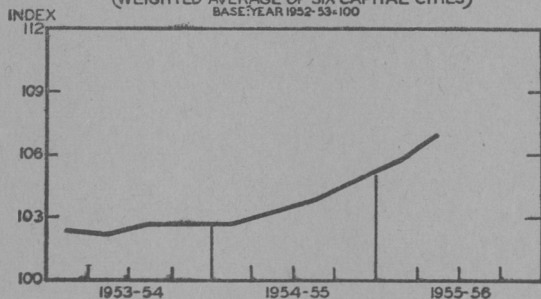
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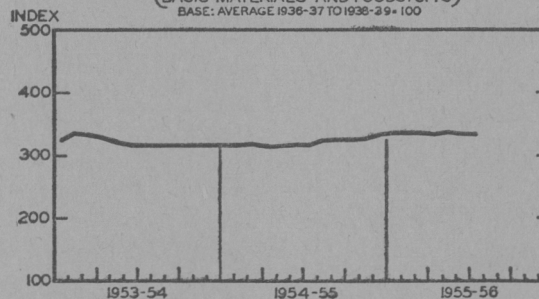
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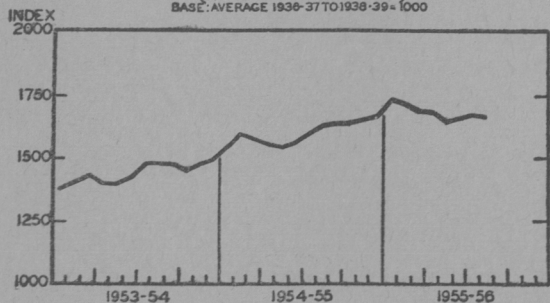
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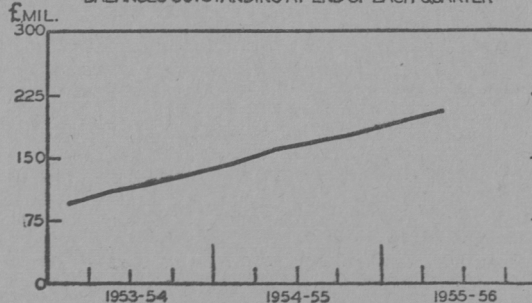
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# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein :—

| Period.                 | Total Civil Employment.<br>—End of Month (Excluding<br>Rural and Household Domestic).<br>(a) |          |           | Average<br>Weekly<br>Wage<br>Earnings<br>(b)<br>Index<br>(Base :<br>1945-46=<br>1,000). | Internal Trade.    |            | Overseas Trade<br>(Merchandise<br>only—Values f.o.b.<br>port of Shipment). |          | Building<br>Permits(e)<br>Six Capital<br>Cities and<br>Suburbs. | New<br>Houses<br>Com-<br>pleted.(f) |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                         | Males.                                                                                       | Females. | Total.    |                                                                                         | Whole-<br>sale.(c) | Retail.(d) | Imports.                                                                   | Exports. |                                                                 |                                     |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> | '000.                                                                                        | '000.    | '000.     |                                                                                         | £m.                | £m.        | £m.                                                                        | £m.      | £'000.                                                          | No.                                 |
| 1932-33 .. ..           | (g)992                                                                                       | (g)341   | (g)1,333  | n.a.                                                                                    | 29.1               | n.a.       | 5.5                                                                        | 8.2      | 565                                                             | n.a.                                |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | n.a.                                                                                         | n.a.     | n.a.      | n.a.                                                                                    | 37.2               | n.a.       | 8.6                                                                        | 12.3     | 1,986                                                           | n.a.                                |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | n.a.                                                                                         | n.a.     | n.a.      | n.a.                                                                                    | 40.5               | n.a.       | 10.6                                                                       | 11.7     | 2,307                                                           | n.a.                                |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | (h)1,293                                                                                     | (h)437   | (h)1,730  | n.a.                                                                                    | 39.8               | n.a.       | 9.4                                                                        | 10.1     | 2,353                                                           | n.a.                                |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 1,757                                                                                        | 656      | 2,413     | 1,322                                                                                   | 93.4               | r240.6     | 34.5                                                                       | 45.1     | 5,577                                                           | (i) 12,835                          |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 1,810                                                                                        | 675      | 2,485     | 1,451                                                                                   | 110.2              | r276.4     | 44.7                                                                       | 51.0     | 7,129                                                           | (i) 13,873                          |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 1,882                                                                                        | 707      | 2,589     | 1,742                                                                                   | 140.5              | r342.7     | 61.8                                                                       | 81.6     | 10,426                                                          | 16,895                              |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 1,915                                                                                        | 709      | 2,624     | 2,145                                                                                   | 162.1              | r404.0     | 87.5                                                                       | 55.4     | 9,700                                                           | 19,494                              |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 1,876                                                                                        | 670      | 2,546     | 2,350                                                                                   | 158.1              | r425.8     | 42.5                                                                       | 70.7     | 10,045                                                          | 19,332                              |
| 1953-54 .. ..           | 1,914                                                                                        | 695      | 2,609     | 2,462                                                                                   | 179.5              | r460.2     | 56.5                                                                       | 67.7     | 12,356                                                          | 18,797                              |
| 1954-55 .. ..           | 1,971                                                                                        | 727      | 2,698     | 2,572                                                                                   | 205.5              | r505.1     | 70.1                                                                       | 63.2     | 17,920                                                          | r19,890                             |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                                                                              |          |           |                                                                                         |                    |            |                                                                            |          |                                                                 |                                     |
| 1953-54—                |                                                                                              |          |           |                                                                                         |                    |            |                                                                            |          |                                                                 |                                     |
| January .. ..           | 1,912                                                                                        | 698      | 2,610     | { 2,491 }                                                                               | 146.8              | { r432.8 } | 60.4                                                                       | 58.0     | 8,941                                                           | { 16,821 }                          |
| February .. ..          | 1,921                                                                                        | 701      | 2,622     |                                                                                         | 162.7              |            | 45.8                                                                       | 57.4     | 11,607                                                          |                                     |
| March .. ..             | 1,931                                                                                        | 708      | 2,639     | { 2,477 }                                                                               | 184.7              | { r464.6 } | 66.9                                                                       | 85.2     | 13,753                                                          | { 19,090 }                          |
| April .. ..             | 1,936                                                                                        | 708      | 2,644     |                                                                                         | 182.4              |            | 52.1                                                                       | 65.3     | 13,622                                                          |                                     |
| May .. ..               | 1,942                                                                                        | 707      | 2,649     | { 2,477 }                                                                               | 183.0              | { r464.6 } | 60.1                                                                       | 57.8     | 12,904                                                          | { 19,090 }                          |
| June .. ..              | 1,948                                                                                        | 708      | 2,656     |                                                                                         | 198.5              |            | 76.0                                                                       | 55.1     | 15,489                                                          |                                     |
| 1954-55—                |                                                                                              |          |           |                                                                                         |                    |            |                                                                            |          |                                                                 |                                     |
| July .. ..              | 1,947                                                                                        | 709      | 2,656     | { 2,522 }                                                                               | 187.0              | { 470.8 }  | 70.3                                                                       | 52.0     | 18,403                                                          | { r19,510 }                         |
| August .. ..            | 1,949                                                                                        | 711      | 2,660     |                                                                                         | 198.1              |            | 66.7                                                                       | 43.9     | 17,646                                                          |                                     |
| September .. ..         | 1,953                                                                                        | 715      | 2,668     | { 2,524 }                                                                               | 209.9              | { 554.6 }  | 70.3                                                                       | 54.8     | 20,078                                                          | { r21,268 }                         |
| October .. ..           | 1,955                                                                                        | 719      | 2,674     |                                                                                         | 206.0              |            | 64.6                                                                       | 72.7     | 16,795                                                          |                                     |
| November .. ..          | 1,965                                                                                        | 727      | 2,692     | { 2,524 }                                                                               | 215.1              | { 554.6 }  | 54.7                                                                       | 49.9     | 20,495                                                          | { r21,268 }                         |
| December .. ..          | 1,969                                                                                        | 732      | 2,701     |                                                                                         | 212.5              |            | 64.4                                                                       | 84.2     | 14,174                                                          |                                     |
| January .. ..           | 1,969                                                                                        | 724      | 2,693     | { 2,589 }                                                                               | 164.3              | { 480.4 }  | 76.0                                                                       | 63.6     | 13,976                                                          | { r17,996 }                         |
| February .. ..          | 1,977                                                                                        | 733      | 2,710     |                                                                                         | 197.1              |            | 69.8                                                                       | 67.3     | 17,399                                                          |                                     |
| March .. ..             | 1,986                                                                                        | 738      | 2,724     | { 2,652 }                                                                               | 224.6              | { 514.5 }  | 77.6                                                                       | 77.0     | 18,907                                                          | { r20,785 }                         |
| April .. ..             | 1,991                                                                                        | 736      | 2,727     |                                                                                         | 200.8              |            | 73.2                                                                       | 57.0     | 17,128                                                          |                                     |
| May .. ..               | 1,996                                                                                        | 737      | 2,733     | { 2,652 }                                                                               | 225.6              | { 514.5 }  | 78.9                                                                       | 66.8     | 18,744                                                          | { r20,785 }                         |
| June .. ..              | 2,001                                                                                        | 738      | 2,739     |                                                                                         | 225.4              |            | 74.7                                                                       | 69.0     | 21,308                                                          |                                     |
| 1955-56—                |                                                                                              |          |           |                                                                                         |                    |            |                                                                            |          |                                                                 |                                     |
| July .. ..              | 1,996                                                                                        | 739      | 2,735     | { 2,689 }                                                                               | 207.0              | { 517.2 }  | p 61.4                                                                     | p 60.9   | 18,238                                                          | { r19,215 }                         |
| August .. ..            | 2,000                                                                                        | 741      | 2,741     |                                                                                         | 230.5              |            | 71.1                                                                       | 48.9     | 22,578                                                          |                                     |
| September .. ..         | 2,003                                                                                        | 744      | 2,747     | { 2,731 }                                                                               | 229.8              | { 608.2 }  | 74.9                                                                       | 51.6     | 19,865                                                          | { r19,997 }                         |
| October .. ..           | 2,002                                                                                        | 748      | 2,750     |                                                                                         | 223.6              |            | 68.2                                                                       | 65.6     | 18,197                                                          |                                     |
| November .. ..          | 2,012                                                                                        | 756      | 2,768     | { 2,731 }                                                                               | 242.0              | { 608.2 }  | 73.5                                                                       | 79.2     | 19,708                                                          | { r19,997 }                         |
| December .. ..          | 2,013                                                                                        | 758      | 2,771     |                                                                                         |                    |            | 63.3                                                                       | 73.2     | 16,230                                                          |                                     |
| January .. ..           | (j) 2,004                                                                                    | (j) 752  | (j) 2,756 |                                                                                         |                    |            | 63.4                                                                       | 55.6     |                                                                 |                                     |
| February .. ..          |                                                                                              |          |           |                                                                                         |                    |            | 59.1                                                                       | (j) 20.4 |                                                                 |                                     |

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad, National Service Trainees in camp and, in 1932-33, Government "relief" workers. Figures from 1947-48 subject to revision. (b) Seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts.

(d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly total sales. Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. Excludes Motor; Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c. (e) All building operations for which permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see note (a) page 31). (f) Including owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. (g) June, 1933; obtained from Census. (h) July, 1939; obtained from National Register. (i) Partly estimated. (j) Affected by Industrial Disputes.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, see page 1.



# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

| Period.               | Production of Black Coal. | Total Electricity Generated. | Production of Ingot Steel. | New Motor Vehicles Registered (a)<br>(Excluding Defence Service Vehicles). |                      | Government Railways : Gross Revenue. | P.M.G.'s Department Cash Receipts. | Private Trading Banks. (b) |           | Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages). |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                       |                           |                              |                            | Motor Cars.                                                                | Commercial Vehicles. |                                      |                                    | Deposits.                  | Advances. |                                                       |
| Monthly Average—      | '000 tons.                | Million kWh                  | '000 tons.                 | '000.                                                                      | '000.                | £'000.                               | £'000.                             | £m.                        | £m.       | £m.                                                   |
| 1932-33 ..            | 732                       | 225                          | 32.7                       | 1.0                                                                        | 0.3                  | 3,017                                | 1,053                              | 269.9                      | 231.0     | n.a.                                                  |
| 1936-37 ..            | 977                       | 331                          | 90.0                       | 4.0                                                                        | 2.0                  | 3,517                                | 1,318                              | 297.6                      | 262.5     | n.a.                                                  |
| 1937-38 ..            | 990                       | 363                          | 97.2                       | 4.6                                                                        | 2.3                  | 3,705                                | 1,396                              | 314.8                      | 274.4     | n.a.                                                  |
| 1938-39 ..            | 1,051                     | 391                          | 97.5                       | 4.5                                                                        | 2.1                  | 3,662                                | 1,447                              | 317.7                      | 288.1     | n.a.                                                  |
| 1948-49 ..            | 1,237                     | 754                          | 98.2                       | 5.5                                                                        | 3.1                  | 7,165                                | 2,776                              | 776.4                      | 368.6     | 212.8                                                 |
| 1949-50 ..            | 1,243                     | 792                          | 101.5                      | 9.6                                                                        | 4.8                  | 7,683                                | 3,196                              | 910.1                      | 403.9     | 271.1                                                 |
| 1950-51 ..            | 1,368                     | 875                          | 120.3                      | 10.6                                                                       | 6.5                  | 8,804                                | 3,732                              | 1,144.2                    | 479.3     | 372.9                                                 |
| 1951-52 ..            | 1,598                     | 941                          | 126.8                      | 10.4                                                                       | 6.1                  | 11,626                               | 4,948                              | 1,201.7                    | 621.4     | 402.4                                                 |
| 1952-53 ..            | 1,545                     | 1,024                        | 150.1                      | 7.7                                                                        | 4.4                  | 12,903                               | 5,371                              | 1,162.4                    | 638.1     | 389.3                                                 |
| 1953-54 ..            | 1,619                     | 1,142                        | 176.4                      | 10.4                                                                       | 4.8                  | 14,155                               | 5,650                              | 1,275.5                    | 658.5     | 446.5                                                 |
| 1954-55 ..            | p1,613                    | p1,275                       | p184.1                     | 13.9                                                                       | 5.6                  | 14,521                               | 6,069                              | 1,310.7                    | 776.8     | 491.6                                                 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b> |                           |                              |                            |                                                                            |                      |                                      |                                    |                            |           |                                                       |
| 1953-54—              |                           |                              |                            |                                                                            |                      | (c)                                  |                                    |                            |           |                                                       |
| February              | 1,461                     | 1,027                        | 149.5                      | 8.6                                                                        | 3.8                  | 12,233                               | 5,049                              | 1,337.1                    | 656.0     | 438.7                                                 |
| March ..              | 1,818                     | 1,189                        | 176.0                      | 11.7                                                                       | 5.3                  | 14,764                               | 6,247                              | 1,363.0                    | 664.3     | 489.3                                                 |
| April ..              | 1,545                     | 1,133                        | 174.5                      | 11.3                                                                       | 4.9                  | 13,772                               | 5,587                              | 1,354.9                    | 684.7     | 449.8                                                 |
| May ..                | 1,721                     | 1,255                        | 184.5                      | 11.7                                                                       | 5.2                  | 14,686                               | 5,779                              | 1,323.3                    | 695.4     | 490.6                                                 |
| June ..               | 1,721                     | 1,290                        | 176.0                      | 12.4                                                                       | 5.3                  | 15,922                               | 6,106                              | 1,305.0                    | 701.7     | 500.0                                                 |
| 1954-55—              | p                         | p                            | p                          |                                                                            |                      |                                      |                                    |                            |           |                                                       |
| July ..               | 1,762                     | 1,359                        | 202.4                      | 13.4                                                                       | 5.7                  | 14,456                               | 5,657                              | 1,271.7                    | 724.9     | 471.3                                                 |
| August ..             | 1,747                     | 1,321                        | 193.2                      | 15.9                                                                       | 6.0                  | 15,123                               | 5,558                              | 1,256.7                    | 738.8     | 443.4                                                 |
| September             | 1,832                     | 1,255                        | 197.3                      | 13.8                                                                       | 6.3                  | 15,375                               | 5,903                              | 1,260.3                    | 757.1     | 472.7                                                 |
| October ..            | 1,728                     | 1,243                        | 200.9                      | 13.6                                                                       | 5.8                  | 15,304                               | 5,929                              | 1,285.9                    | 780.1     | 497.6                                                 |
| November              | 1,782                     | 1,212                        | 189.5                      | 13.6                                                                       | 6.2                  | 15,856                               | 6,397                              | 1,299.3                    | 786.2     | 483.4                                                 |
| December              | 1,479                     | 1,189                        | 189.2                      | 13.4                                                                       | 5.7                  | 15,786                               | 7,038                              | 1,317.7                    | 785.7     | 511.0                                                 |
| January               | 906                       | 1,162                        | 173.6                      | 8.1                                                                        | 3.8                  | 13,082                               | 5,160                              | 1,334.8                    | 769.8     | 463.7                                                 |
| February              | 1,566                     | 1,163                        | 156.3                      | 12.7                                                                       | 4.8                  | 12,947                               | 5,927                              | 1,356.2                    | 772.9     | 504.9                                                 |
| March ..              | 1,641                     | 1,315                        | 182.2                      | 15.8                                                                       | 5.9                  | 13,725                               | 6,619                              | 1,364.3                    | 775.9     | 501.9                                                 |
| April ..              | 1,485                     | 1,243                        | 158.1                      | 13.5                                                                       | 4.9                  | 13,704                               | 5,769                              | 1,345.3                    | 795.8     | 485.1                                                 |
| May ..                | 1,712                     | 1,396                        | 190.0                      | 16.1                                                                       | 6.2                  | 14,762                               | 6,231                              | 1,328.7                    | 811.4     | 532.1                                                 |
| June ..               | 1,712                     | 1,441                        | 178.6                      | 16.5                                                                       | 6.2                  | 14,134                               | 6,637                              | 1,307.2                    | 817.7     | 521.9                                                 |
| 1955-56—              |                           |                              |                            |                                                                            |                      |                                      |                                    |                            |           |                                                       |
| July ..               | 1,777                     | 1,508                        | 195.8                      | 15.1                                                                       | 6.0                  | 14,215                               | 5,921                              | 1,280.8                    | 829.9     | 520.7                                                 |
| August ..             | 1,906                     | 1,478                        | 197.7                      | 16.8                                                                       | 6.2                  | 15,418                               | 6,509                              | 1,264.2                    | 820.4     | 479.3                                                 |
| September             | 1,797                     | 1,383                        | 189.1                      | 16.0                                                                       | 6.6                  | 15,514                               | 6,493                              | 1,257.7                    | 823.1     | 493.3                                                 |
| October ..            | 1,692                     | 1,376                        | 190.2                      | 15.0                                                                       | 6.6                  | 15,259                               | 6,266                              | 1,277.1                    | 831.4     | 519.2                                                 |
| November              | 1,730                     | 1,365                        | 192.2                      | 14.8                                                                       | 6.1                  |                                      | 6,437                              | 1,295.8                    | 823.3     | 551.4                                                 |
| December              | 1,353                     | 1,294                        | 192.7                      | r14.4                                                                      | r5.9                 |                                      | 7,142                              | 1,321.5                    | 814.5     | 563.1                                                 |
| January               | 897                       |                              | 197.5                      | 10.1                                                                       | 4.8                  |                                      | 6,097                              | 1,331.8                    | 784.2     | 489.8                                                 |
| February              |                           |                              |                            | 11.8                                                                       | 5.3                  |                                      | 6,285                              | 1,331.9                    | 773.7     | 501.5                                                 |

(a) Excludes Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.  
 (b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (c) Calculated from monthly returns of revenue and expenditure and not strictly comparable with annual figures above as monthly details exclude certain items of revenue and expenditure which are only allocated on an annual basis.

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# POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period.                   | Marriages. | Births. | Deaths. | Natural Increase.(a) | Net Migration.(b) | Total Increase.(c) | Population at end of Period. |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| 1936-37 .. ..             | 14,627     | 29,634  | 16,129  | 13,505               | 496               | 14,291             | 6,835,536                    |
| 1937-38 .. ..             | 15,529     | 29,924  | 16,170  | 13,754               | 1,676             | 15,751             | 6,898,541                    |
| 1938-39 .. ..             | 15,279     | 30,636  | 17,023  | 13,613               | 3,339             | 17,303             | 6,967,754                    |
| 1948-49 .. ..             | 18,498     | 44,149  | 19,041  | 25,108               | 25,287            | 49,826             | 7,908,066                    |
| 1949-50 .. ..             | 18,558     | 47,048  | 19,001  | 28,047               | 40,387            | 67,657             | 8,178,696                    |
| 1950-51 .. ..             | 19,211     | 48,114  | 19,896  | 28,218               | 33,244            | 60,770             | 8,421,775                    |
| 1951-52 .. ..             | 18,896     | 49,228  | 20,661  | 28,567               | 25,720            | 53,671             | 8,636,458                    |
| 1952-53 .. ..             | 17,870     | 50,739  | 20,023  | 30,716               | 14,516            | 44,726             | 8,815,362                    |
| 1953-54 .. ..             | 17,827     | 50,400  | 20,390  | 30,010               | 13,263            | 42,792             | 8,986,530                    |
| 1954-55 .. ..             | 17,848     | 51,213  | 20,541  | 30,672               | 22,868            | 53,540             | 9,200,691                    |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| <b>1952-53—</b>           |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| December Qtr. ..          | 20,004     | 51,102  | 19,542  | 31,560               | 20,819            | 51,795             | 8,739,569                    |
| March „ ..                | 17,393     | 51,469  | 17,142  | 34,327               | 8,632             | 42,483             | 8,782,052                    |
| June „ ..                 | 18,406     | 49,489  | 19,532  | 29,957               | 3,730             | 33,310             | 8,815,362                    |
| <b>1953-54—</b>           |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| September „ ..            | 15,210     | 50,517  | 23,289  | 27,228               | 10,335            | 37,149             | 8,852,511                    |
| December „ ..             | 19,631     | 50,760  | 20,225  | 30,535               | 20,200            | 50,175             | 8,902,686                    |
| March „ ..                | 17,868     | 49,709  | 17,367  | 32,342               | 12,175            | 44,020             | 8,946,706                    |
| June „ ..                 | 18,600     | 50,613  | 20,677  | 29,936               | 10,340            | 39,824             | 8,986,530                    |
| <b>1954-55—</b>           |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| September „ ..            | 15,097     | 50,772  | 24,670  | 26,102               | 16,809            | 42,911             | 9,029,441                    |
| December „ ..             | 19,664     | 51,162  | 19,091  | 32,071               | 28,883            | 60,954             | 9,090,395                    |
| March „ ..                | 17,705     | 51,318  | 17,680  | 33,638               | 25,101            | 58,739             | 9,149,134                    |
| June „ ..                 | 18,924     | 51,600  | 20,723  | 30,877               | 20,680            | 51,557             | 9,200,691                    |
| <b>1955-56—</b>           |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| September „ ..            | 15,449     | 53,714  | 24,209  | 29,505               | 25,853            | 55,358             | 9,256,049                    |
| December „ ..             | 20,094     | 50,947  | 19,424  | 31,523               | 25,621            | 57,144             | 9,313,193                    |

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results. (d) Census 30th June, 1954.

## POPULATION: STATES.

| Date.                 | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| <b>30th June—</b>     |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939 ..               | 2,748,393        | 1,878,480 | 1,018,007   | 596,563          | 470,044            | 237,419   | 6,281               | 12,567                        | 6,967,754  |
| 1948 ..               | 3,015,763        | 2,092,320 | 1,131,200   | 661,153          | 515,074            | 261,206   | 12,254              | 19,791                        | 7,708,761  |
| 1949 ..               | 3,092,621        | 2,142,986 | 1,159,124   | 679,305          | 532,191            | 267,062   | 13,391              | 21,386                        | 7,908,066  |
| 1950 ..               | 3,193,372        | 2,208,078 | 1,196,185   | 709,547          | 557,096            | 275,902   | 14,692              | 23,824                        | 8,178,696  |
| 1951 ..               | 3,278,032        | 2,276,575 | 1,227,701   | 732,430          | 580,343            | 286,193   | 15,609              | 24,892                        | 8,421,775  |
| 1952 ..               | 3,339,455        | 2,344,491 | 1,259,478   | 755,053          | 599,858            | 296,299   | 15,464              | 26,360                        | 8,636,458  |
| 1953 ..               | 3,383,792        | 2,395,254 | 1,291,410   | 775,781          | 620,547            | 304,080   | 15,853              | 28,645                        | 8,815,362  |
| 1954 (a) ..           | 3,423,529        | 2,452,341 | 1,318,259   | 797,094          | 639,771            | 308,752   | 16,469              | 30,315                        | 8,986,530  |
| 1955 ..               | 3,490,331        | 2,523,018 | 1,344,572   | 819,549          | 658,538            | 314,679   | 17,580              | 32,424                        | 9,200,691  |
| <b>31st December—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1955 ..               | 3,525,923        | 2,555,021 | 1,350,585   | 834,635          | 670,750            | 325,802   | 17,007              | 33,470                        | 9,313,193  |

(a) Census—30th June, 1954.

## OVERSEA MIGRATION.

Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947, onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

| Period.                 | Temporary.            |            |                         |            | Permanent. |                                 |                     |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
|                         | Australian Residents. |            | Visitors from Overseas. |            | Arrivals.  | Australian Residents Departing. | Excess of Arrivals. |
|                         | Arriving.             | Departing. | Arriving.               | Departing. |            |                                 |                     |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |                     |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 1,910                 | 1,937      | 2,294                   | 2,297      | 1,148      | 953                             | 195                 |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 2,127                 | 2,060      | 2,617                   | 2,678      | 1,478      | 925                             | 553                 |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 2,145                 | 1,966      | 2,649                   | 2,742      | 2,081      | 1,055                           | 1,026               |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 2,008                 | 1,898      | 2,829                   | 2,566      | 9,568      | 1,511                           | 8,057               |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 2,336                 | 2,500      | 3,470                   | 3,644      | 15,407     | 1,608                           | 13,799              |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 2,812                 | 2,617      | 3,594                   | 3,753      | 12,774     | 1,729                           | 11,045              |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 3,251                 | 3,233      | 3,895                   | 4,085      | 10,872     | 2,126                           | 8,746               |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 3,351                 | 3,427      | 3,838                   | 4,198      | 7,991      | 2,717                           | 5,274               |
| 1953-54 .. ..           | 3,648                 | 3,556      | 3,953                   | 3,906      | 7,206      | 2,924                           | 4,282               |
| 1954-55 .. ..           | 4,107                 | 4,013      | 4,277                   | 4,220      | 10,348     | 2,877                           | 7,471               |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |                     |
| 1953-54—                |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |                     |
| January .. ..           | 3,820                 | 4,109      | 4,113                   | 4,423      | 5,780      | 4,308                           | 1,472               |
| February .. ..          | 3,223                 | 3,268      | 4,083                   | 3,557      | 6,226      | 1,978                           | 4,248               |
| March .. ..             | 3,602                 | 6,330      | 5,313                   | 4,867      | 11,979     | 3,124                           | 8,855               |
| April .. ..             | 3,643                 | 5,757      | 4,173                   | 4,580      | 6,894      | 3,357                           | 3,537               |
| May .. ..               | 2,593                 | 4,768      | 3,269                   | 4,303      | 9,056      | 3,256                           | 5,800               |
| June .. ..              | 2,773                 | 3,319      | 3,918                   | 3,562      | 10,036     | 3,113                           | 6,923               |
| 1954-55—                |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |                     |
| July .. ..              | 2,608                 | 3,025      | 3,230                   | 3,572      | 8,442      | 3,120                           | 5,322               |
| August .. ..            | 2,910                 | 2,134      | 2,858                   | 2,694      | 8,611      | 1,842                           | 6,769               |
| September .. ..         | 4,675                 | 2,654      | 3,934                   | 3,954      | 5,759      | 3,223                           | 2,536               |
| October .. ..           | 4,564                 | 2,518      | 4,507                   | 3,985      | 13,197     | 2,375                           | 10,822              |
| November .. ..          | 5,643                 | 2,805      | 4,286                   | 4,515      | 10,115     | 2,869                           | 7,246               |
| December .. ..          | 4,890                 | 5,014      | 5,383                   | 4,656      | 7,919      | 2,884                           | 5,035               |
| January .. ..           | 5,242                 | 3,883      | 5,113                   | 5,055      | 13,256     | 3,338                           | 9,918               |
| February .. ..          | 4,299                 | 5,067      | 4,751                   | 4,502      | 9,380      | 3,101                           | 6,279               |
| March .. ..             | 3,932                 | 5,636      | 4,704                   | 4,801      | 12,711     | 2,904                           | 9,807               |
| April .. ..             | 3,622                 | 6,249      | 4,761                   | 4,653      | 10,718     | 3,308                           | 7,410               |
| May .. ..               | 3,675                 | 5,760      | 4,353                   | 4,699      | 9,408      | 3,030                           | 6,378               |
| June .. ..              | 3,228                 | 3,405      | 3,441                   | 3,557      | 14,664     | 2,529                           | 12,135              |
| 1955-56—                |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |                     |
| July .. ..              | 3,050                 | 3,143      | 3,089                   | 3,557      | 7,885      | 3,130                           | 4,755               |
| August .. ..            | 3,842                 | 2,859      | 4,025                   | 3,521      | 10,926     | 2,681                           | 8,245               |
| September .. ..         | 4,781                 | 2,714      | 4,021                   | 3,847      | 11,675     | 1,989                           | 9,686               |
| October .. ..           | 6,313                 | 4,558      | 5,078                   | 4,501      | 8,868      | 3,451                           | 5,417               |
| November .. ..          | 5,735                 | 3,530      | 4,611                   | 4,876      | 10,083     | 3,224                           | 6,859               |
| December .. ..          | 5,158                 | 5,376      | 5,618                   | 4,755      | 11,221     | 2,793                           | 8,428               |
| January .. ..           | 6,201                 | 4,828      | 5,703                   | 5,468      | 13,328     | 4,227                           | 9,101               |



# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)

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| Month.          | Total Civil Employment.<br>(Excluding Rural and Household Domestic.) |                    |          | Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups. |               |                            |                              |               |                             |                                        |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                 | Governmental Authorities.(b)                                         | Private Employers. | Total.   | Mining and Quarrying.                       | Factories.(c) | Building and Construction. | Transport and Communication. | Retail Trade. | Other Commerce and Finance. | Professional and Personal Services.(d) |
| MALES.          |                                                                      |                    |          |                                             |               |                            |                              |               |                             |                                        |
| 1939—July ..    | 349.8                                                                | 943.3              | 1,293.1  | 52.2                                        | 391.5         | 149.7                      | 185.9                        | 259.7         |                             | 133.6                                  |
| 1953—June ..    | 567.8                                                                | 1,319.0            | 1,886.8  | 58.0                                        | 666.3         | 193.2                      | 295.1                        | 125.0         | 191.0                       | 174.1                                  |
| 1954—June ..    | 581.4                                                                | 1,367.0            | 1,948.4  | 58.7                                        | 696.1         | 205.7                      | 300.1                        | 128.4         | 198.3                       | 176.6                                  |
| 1955—June ..    | 599.1                                                                | 1,401.4            | 2,000.5  | 58.3                                        | 714.5         | 211.8                      | 308.7                        | 129.2         | 207.1                       | 182.1                                  |
| 1954—October .. | 581.1                                                                | 1,374.1            | 1,955.2  | 57.6                                        | 700.6         | 203.8                      | 300.4                        | 128.2         | 202.5                       | 177.4                                  |
| November..      | 583.6                                                                | 1,381.2            | 1,964.8  | 57.7                                        | 703.5         | 203.4                      | 301.5                        | 131.7         | 203.7                       | 178.1                                  |
| December        | 584.7                                                                | 1,384.3            | 1,969.0  | 57.6                                        | 702.4         | 201.0                      | 302.7                        | 134.9         | 205.0                       | 179.6                                  |
| 1955—January .. | 585.8                                                                | 1,382.3            | 1,968.1  | 57.4                                        | 703.9         | 201.8                      | 303.3                        | 130.1         | 206.6                       | 178.6                                  |
| October ..      | 595.2                                                                | r1,406.7           | r2,001.9 | 57.6                                        | 718.7         | r208.5                     | 306.9                        | 129.5         | 209.2                       | 182.5                                  |
| November..      | 595.4                                                                | r1,417.2           | r2,012.6 | 57.7                                        | 722.4         | r208.6                     | 308.6                        | 131.9         | 210.5                       | 183.6                                  |
| December        | 596.5                                                                | r1,416.6           | r2,010.1 | 57.2                                        | 718.5         | r205.5                     | 308.9                        | 135.6         | 212.3                       | 185.4                                  |
| 1956—January(e) | 595.5                                                                | 1,409.0            | 2,004.5  | 57.2                                        | 718.9         | 207.1                      | 302.0                        | 131.4         | 212.6                       | 184.8                                  |
| FEMALES.        |                                                                      |                    |          |                                             |               |                            |                              |               |                             |                                        |
| 1939—July ..    | 55.2                                                                 | 381.9              | 437.1    | 0.3                                         | 148.2         | 1.2                        | 12.6                         | 114.9         |                             | 129.0                                  |
| 1953—June ..    | 112.0                                                                | 561.7              | 673.7    | 0.9                                         | 202.9         | 4.3                        | 36.2                         | 109.9         | 71.5                        | 213.5                                  |
| 1954—June ..    | 114.5                                                                | 593.0              | 707.5    | 1.0                                         | 219.8         | 4.7                        | 36.5                         | 115.3         | 77.0                        | 218.7                                  |
| 1955—June ..    | 122.8                                                                | 615.7              | 738.5    | 1.1                                         | 225.3         | 4.9                        | 38.4                         | 121.6         | 83.1                        | 228.1                                  |
| 1954—October .. | 116.5                                                                | 602.2              | 718.7    | 1.0                                         | 223.4         | 4.6                        | 37.5                         | 117.7         | 78.6                        | 221.1                                  |
| November..      | 117.0                                                                | 610.5              | 727.5    | 1.0                                         | 224.6         | 4.7                        | 37.7                         | 123.8         | 79.2                        | 221.6                                  |
| December        | 116.3                                                                | 615.6              | 731.9    | 1.0                                         | 224.4         | 4.7                        | 37.1                         | 128.3         | 79.1                        | 222.3                                  |
| 1955—January .. | 116.2                                                                | 608.0              | 724.2    | 1.0                                         | 223.4         | 4.8                        | 37.6                         | 120.3         | 80.5                        | 221.5                                  |
| October ..      | 124.0                                                                | 623.8              | 747.8    | 1.1                                         | 228.7         | 4.9                        | 39.0                         | 123.3         | 84.4                        | 230.6                                  |
| November..      | 124.9                                                                | 631.2              | 756.1    | 1.1                                         | 228.8         | 4.9                        | 40.0                         | 128.8         | 84.6                        | 232.0                                  |
| December        | 124.0                                                                | 634.2              | 758.2    | 1.1                                         | 227.6         | 4.9                        | 39.1                         | 132.3         | 85.1                        | 232.0                                  |
| 1956—January .. | 123.9                                                                | 628.3              | 752.2    | 1.1                                         | 226.7         | 4.9                        | 39.5                         | 125.9         | 86.2                        | 231.8                                  |
| PERSONS.        |                                                                      |                    |          |                                             |               |                            |                              |               |                             |                                        |
| 1939—July ..    | 405.0                                                                | 1,325.2            | 1,730.2  | 52.5                                        | 539.7         | 150.9                      | 198.5                        | 374.6         |                             | 262.6                                  |
| 1953—June ..    | 679.8                                                                | 1,880.7            | 2,560.5  | 58.9                                        | 869.2         | 197.5                      | 331.3                        | 234.9         | 262.5                       | 387.6                                  |
| 1954—June ..    | 695.9                                                                | 1,960.0            | 2,655.9  | 59.7                                        | 915.9         | 210.4                      | 336.6                        | 243.7         | 275.3                       | 395.3                                  |
| 1955—June ..    | 721.9                                                                | 2,017.1            | 2,739.0  | 59.4                                        | 939.8         | 216.7                      | 347.1                        | 250.8         | 290.2                       | 410.2                                  |
| 1954—October .. | 697.6                                                                | 1,976.3            | 2,673.9  | 58.6                                        | 924.0         | 208.4                      | 337.9                        | 245.9         | 281.1                       | 398.5                                  |
| November..      | 700.6                                                                | 1,991.7            | 2,692.3  | 58.7                                        | 928.1         | 208.1                      | 339.2                        | 255.5         | 282.9                       | 399.7                                  |
| December        | 701.0                                                                | 1,999.9            | 2,700.9  | 58.6                                        | 926.8         | 205.7                      | 339.8                        | 263.2         | 284.1                       | 401.9                                  |
| 1955—January .. | 702.0                                                                | 1,990.3            | 2,692.3  | 58.4                                        | 927.3         | 206.6                      | 340.9                        | 250.4         | 287.1                       | 400.1                                  |
| October ..      | 719.2                                                                | r2,030.5           | r2,749.7 | 58.7                                        | 947.4         | r213.4                     | 345.9                        | 252.8         | 293.6                       | 413.1                                  |
| November..      | 720.3                                                                | r2,048.4           | r2,768.7 | 58.8                                        | 951.2         | r213.5                     | 348.6                        | 260.7         | 295.1                       | 415.6                                  |
| December        | 720.5                                                                | r2,050.8           | r2,771.3 | 58.3                                        | 946.1         | r210.4                     | 348.0                        | 267.9         | 297.4                       | 417.4                                  |
| 1956—January(e) | 719.4                                                                | 2,037.3            | 2,756.7  | 58.3                                        | 945.6         | 212.0                      | 341.5                        | 257.3         | 298.8                       | 416.6                                  |

(a) Excludes Defence Forces, at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1953, subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Pay-roll series subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic). (e) Affected by Industrial Disputes.

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# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)

('000.)

| Month.             | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| MALES.             |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939—July ..       | 529.9            | 357.5     | 172.8       | 106.7            | 82.9               | 37.4      | 2.1                 | 3.8                           | 1,293.1    |
| 1953—June ..       | 734.3            | 521.6     | 255.2       | 170.6            | 130.2              | 61.8      | 4.6                 | 8.5                           | 1,886.8    |
| 1954—June ..       | 758.1            | 539.7     | 263.7       | 176.0            | 135.0              | 62.8      | 4.9                 | 8.2                           | 1,948.4    |
| 1955—June ..       | 779.2            | 556.7     | 272.0       | 178.7            | 136.4              | 64.0      | 4.8                 | 8.7                           | 2,000.5    |
| 1954—September     | 760.5            | 542.1     | 265.1       | 175.4            | 134.9              | 62.0      | 4.9                 | 8.2                           | 1,953.1    |
| October ..         | 761.9            | 542.6     | 264.7       | 175.5            | 135.1              | 62.3      | 4.9                 | 8.2                           | 1,955.2    |
| November ..        | 767.4            | 545.0     | 264.7       | 176.0            | 135.7              | 62.9      | 4.8                 | 8.3                           | 1,964.8    |
| December           | 770.0            | 546.9     | 263.3       | 176.5            | 135.5              | 63.7      | 4.8                 | 8.3                           | 1,969.0    |
| 1955—January ..    | 767.8            | 549.2     | 260.9       | 177.5            | 135.3              | 64.1      | 4.9                 | 8.4                           | 1,968.1    |
| September          | 779.8            | 556.7     | 273.5       | r179.5           | 136.6              | 63.3      | 5.0                 | 8.9                           | r2,003.3   |
| October ..         | 779.4            | 557.0     | 273.1       | r179.5           | 136.3              | 62.9      | 4.9                 | 8.8                           | r2,001.9   |
| November ..        | 784.1            | 559.9     | 273.9       | r180.7           | 137.0              | 63.3      | 4.9                 | 8.8                           | r2,012.6   |
| December           | 786.1            | 561.1     | 269.0       | r181.9           | 137.5              | 63.7      | 4.9                 | 8.9                           | r2,013.1   |
| 1956—January(b) .. | 781.7            | 561.1     | 266.0       | 182.0            | 136.3              | 63.6      | 4.9                 | 8.9                           | 2,004.5    |
| FEMALES.           |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939—July ..       | 168.0            | 142.9     | 53.2        | 34.0             | 26.2               | 11.6      | 0.2                 | 1.0                           | 437.1      |
| 1953—June ..       | 266.2            | 205.9     | 83.7        | 53.4             | 41.0               | 20.1      | 0.9                 | 2.5                           | 673.7      |
| 1954—June ..       | 279.5            | 217.7     | 86.1        | 56.9             | 42.8               | 21.0      | 0.9                 | 2.6                           | 707.5      |
| 1955—June ..       | 292.5            | 227.0     | 89.3        | 60.2             | 43.9               | 21.7      | 1.0                 | 2.9                           | 738.5      |
| 1954—September     | 283.7            | 219.1     | 86.9        | 57.8             | 43.2               | 20.3      | 0.9                 | 2.7                           | 714.6      |
| October ..         | 286.1            | 220.4     | 86.7        | 58.2             | 43.5               | 20.2      | 0.9                 | 2.7                           | 718.7      |
| November ..        | 291.0            | 222.3     | 87.6        | 58.6             | 43.9               | 20.5      | 0.9                 | 2.7                           | 727.5      |
| December           | 293.0            | 223.0     | 88.3        | 58.8             | 44.2               | 21.0      | 0.9                 | 2.7                           | 731.9      |
| 1955—January ..    | 287.8            | 222.3     | 87.3        | 59.2             | 42.8               | 21.2      | 0.9                 | 2.7                           | 724.2      |
| September          | 295.9            | 227.0     | 90.4        | 61.4             | 43.9               | 21.4      | 1.0                 | 2.9                           | 743.9      |
| October ..         | 297.7            | 228.3     | 90.6        | 61.9             | 43.9               | 21.5      | 1.0                 | 2.9                           | 747.8      |
| November ..        | 301.5            | 230.7     | 91.1        | 62.6             | 44.4               | 21.8      | 1.1                 | 2.9                           | 756.1      |
| December           | 303.4            | 229.9     | 91.0        | 63.2             | 44.5               | 22.2      | 1.1                 | 2.9                           | 758.2      |
| 1956—January ..    | 298.5            | 229.6     | 90.2        | 64.0             | 43.7               | 22.2      | 1.1                 | 2.9                           | 752.2      |
| PERSONS.           |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939—July ..       | 697.9            | 500.4     | 226.0       | 140.7            | 109.1              | 49.0      | 2.3                 | 4.8                           | 1,730.2    |
| 1953—June ..       | 1,000.5          | 727.5     | 338.9       | 224.0            | 171.2              | 81.9      | 5.5                 | 11.0                          | 2,560.5    |
| 1954—June ..       | 1,037.6          | 757.4     | 349.8       | 232.9            | 177.8              | 83.8      | 5.8                 | 10.8                          | 2,655.9    |
| 1955—June ..       | 1,071.7          | 783.7     | 361.3       | 238.9            | 180.3              | 85.7      | 5.8                 | 11.6                          | 2,739.0    |
| 1954—September     | 1,044.2          | 761.2     | 352.0       | 233.2            | 178.1              | 82.3      | 5.8                 | 10.9                          | 2,667.7    |
| October ..         | 1,048.0          | 763.0     | 351.4       | 233.7            | 178.6              | 82.5      | 5.8                 | 10.9                          | 2,673.9    |
| November ..        | 1,058.4          | 767.3     | 352.3       | 234.6            | 179.6              | 83.4      | 5.7                 | 11.0                          | 2,692.3    |
| December           | 1,063.0          | 769.9     | 351.6       | 235.3            | 179.7              | 84.7      | 5.7                 | 11.0                          | 2,700.9    |
| 1955—January ..    | 1,055.6          | 771.5     | 348.2       | 236.7            | 178.1              | 85.3      | 5.8                 | 11.1                          | 2,692.3    |
| September          | 1,075.7          | 783.7     | 363.9       | r240.9           | 180.5              | 84.7      | 6.0                 | 11.8                          | r2,747.2   |
| October ..         | 1,077.1          | 785.3     | 363.7       | r241.4           | 180.2              | 84.4      | 5.9                 | 11.7                          | r2,749.7   |
| November ..        | 1,085.6          | 790.6     | 365.0       | r243.3           | 181.4              | 85.1      | 6.0                 | 11.7                          | r2,768.7   |
| December           | 1,089.5          | 791.0     | 360.0       | r245.1           | 182.0              | 85.9      | 6.0                 | 11.8                          | r2,771.3   |
| 1956—January(b) .. | 1,080.2          | 790.7     | 356.2       | 246.0            | 180.0              | 85.8      | 6.0                 | 11.8                          | 2,756.7    |

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. See also notes on page 6.  
(b) Affected by Industrial Disputes.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

| Period.                 | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |          |          |                                             |                                       |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                         |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           | Males.     | Females. | Persons. | Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. |                                       |
|                         |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          | Un-adjusted.                                | Divided by Index of Total Population. |
|                         | '000.            | '000.     | '000.       | '000.            | '000.              | '000.     | '000.      | '000.    | '000.    |                                             |                                       |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |                                             |                                       |
| 1936-37 ..              | 197.8            | 183.0     | 45.9        | 39.3             | 21.4               | 11.8      | 359.6      | 139.6    | 499.2    | 950                                         | 959                                   |
| 1937-38 ..              | 215.6            | 193.6     | 49.6        | 42.6             | 22.0               | 12.5      | 387.7      | 148.2    | 535.9    | 1,019                                       | 1,019                                 |
| 1938-39 ..              | 219.5            | 193.9     | 51.5        | 42.0             | 22.1               | 13.2      | 391.8      | 150.4    | 542.2    | 1,031                                       | 1,022                                 |
| 1948-49 ..              | 358.8            | 274.9     | 76.8        | 73.4             | 35.2               | 21.2      | 628.0      | 212.3    | 840.3    | 1,598                                       | 1,408                                 |
| 1949-50 ..              | 358.8            | 281.5     | 79.6        | 75.7             | 36.6               | 21.9      | 636.9      | 217.2    | 854.1    | 1,624                                       | 1,386                                 |
| 1950-51 ..              | 379.0            | 290.4     | 83.2        | 80.8             | 38.6               | 22.2      | 664.8      | 229.4    | 894.2    | 1,701                                       | 1,408                                 |
| 1951-52 ..              | 377.9            | 292.2     | 83.1        | 81.3             | 38.8               | 22.0      | 672.3      | 223.0    | 895.3    | 1,703                                       | 1,369                                 |
| 1952-53 ..              | 351.4            | 279.1     | 82.1        | 77.2             | 38.7               | 21.5      | 652.7      | 197.3    | 850.0    | 1,617                                       | 1,268                                 |
| 1953-54 ..              | 369.6            | 296.1     | 85.0        | 82.2             | 40.3               | 22.4      | 681.1      | 214.5    | 895.6    | 1,703                                       | 1,312                                 |
| 1954-55 ..              | 384.0            | 308.5     | 87.1        | 85.1             | 41.3               | 23.0      | 704.9      | 224.1    | 929.0    | 1,767                                       | 1,334                                 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |                                             |                                       |
| 1953-54—                |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |                                             |                                       |
| January ..              | 371.0            | 296.4     | 81.9        | 83.9             | 40.3               | 23.0      | 680.7      | 215.8    | 896.5    | 1,705                                       | 1,311                                 |
| February ..             | 373.7            | 299.8     | 83.3        | 84.0             | 40.4               | 22.5      | 685.2      | 218.5    | 903.7    | 1,719                                       | 1,319                                 |
| March ..                | 374.9            | 303.4     | 84.0        | 84.6             | 40.7               | 23.1      | 688.3      | 222.4    | 910.7    | 1,732                                       | 1,327                                 |
| April ..                | 375.0            | 303.7     | 84.4        | 84.7             | 40.5               | 23.4      | 690.2      | 221.5    | 911.7    | 1,734                                       | 1,327                                 |
| May ..                  | 376.0            | 302.1     | 86.3        | 84.4             | 40.6               | 23.4      | 692.4      | 220.4    | 912.8    | 1,736                                       | 1,326                                 |
| June ..                 | 376.7            | 302.7     | 88.1        | 84.3             | 40.8               | 23.3      | 696.1      | 219.8    | 915.9    | 1,742                                       | 1,329                                 |
| 1954-55—                |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |                                             |                                       |
| July ..                 | 377.1            | 303.2     | 89.0        | 83.9             | 40.6               | 22.8      | 696.1      | 220.5    | 916.6    | 1,743                                       | 1,330                                 |
| August ..               | 378.5            | 303.9     | 89.0        | 84.2             | 40.6               | 22.3      | 697.8      | 220.7    | 918.5    | 1,747                                       | 1,333                                 |
| September ..            | 380.4            | 304.9     | 88.8        | 84.1             | 40.5               | 22.2      | 698.9      | 222.0    | 920.9    | 1,752                                       | 1,333                                 |
| October ..              | 382.1            | 306.6     | 88.0        | 84.2             | 40.9               | 22.2      | 700.6      | 223.4    | 924.0    | 1,757                                       | 1,334                                 |
| November ..             | 384.6            | 308.1     | 87.6        | 84.4             | 41.1               | 22.3      | 703.5      | 224.6    | 928.1    | 1,765                                       | 1,337                                 |
| December ..             | 383.8            | 308.3     | 85.7        | 84.7             | 41.2               | 23.1      | 702.4      | 224.4    | 926.8    | 1,763                                       | 1,333                                 |
| January ..              | 383.8            | 309.8     | 83.0        | 85.8             | 41.4               | 23.5      | 703.9      | 223.4    | 927.3    | 1,764                                       | 1,330                                 |
| February ..             | 386.8            | 311.2     | 85.2        | 85.8             | 41.7               | 23.2      | 707.1      | 226.8    | 933.9    | 1,776                                       | 1,336                                 |
| March ..                | 387.7            | 312.5     | 85.7        | 86.4             | 41.9               | 23.5      | 709.7      | 228.0    | 937.7    | 1,784                                       | 1,339                                 |
| April ..                | 386.9            | 311.2     | 86.4        | 86.5             | 41.9               | 23.8      | 711.4      | 225.3    | 936.7    | 1,782                                       | 1,336                                 |
| May ..                  | 388.0            | 310.7     | 88.0        | 85.8             | 42.0               | 23.8      | 713.5      | 224.8    | 938.3    | 1,785                                       | 1,335                                 |
| June ..                 | 388.2            | 311.6     | 88.9        | 85.7             | 41.8               | 23.6      | 714.5      | 225.3    | 939.8    | 1,787                                       | 1,335                                 |
| 1955-56—                |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |                                             |                                       |
| July(b) ..              | 386.3            | 310.2     | 89.8        | 85.7             | 41.5               | 23.1      | 712.2      | 224.4    | 936.6    | 1,781                                       | 1,327                                 |
| August ..               | 389.7            | 312.1     | 89.7        | 85.5             | 41.7               | 23.1      | 716.2      | 225.6    | 941.8    | 1,791                                       | 1,333                                 |
| September ..            | 390.2            | 312.9     | 90.0        | 86.0             | 42.0               | 23.2      | 717.4      | 226.9    | 944.3    | 1,796                                       | 1,333                                 |
| October ..              | 391.7            | 314.5     | 90.0        | 86.0             | 41.9               | 23.3      | 718.7      | 228.7    | 947.4    | 1,802                                       | 1,335                                 |
| November ..             | 393.3            | 315.6     | 90.2        | 86.4             | 42.2               | 23.5      | 722.4      | 228.8    | 951.2    | 1,809                                       | 1,338                                 |
| December ..             | 392.3            | 314.8     | 85.0        | 87.3             | 42.3               | 24.4      | 718.5      | 227.6    | 946.1    | 1,800                                       | 1,328                                 |
| January(b)              | 391.1            | 315.5     | 83.4        | 88.7             | 42.1               | 24.8      | 718.9      | 226.7    | 945.6    | 1,799                                       | 1,325                                 |

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. Figures from 1948-49 subject to revision.

(b) Affected by Industrial Disputes.



# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

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| Period.                 | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia.(b) |          |          |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|----------|----------|
|                         |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           | Males.        | Females. | Persons. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |
| 1948-49.. ..            | 93.9             | 65.7      | 29.9        | 22.6             | 17.1               | 6.9       | 125.5         | 111.2    | 236.7    |
| 1949-50.. ..            | 93.4             | 66.8      | 30.2        | 23.1             | 17.6               | 7.0       | 126.7         | 112.0    | 238.7    |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 97.2             | 68.8      | 31.1        | 23.9             | 18.2               | 7.3       | 129.3         | 117.8    | 247.1    |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 95.9             | 68.6      | 31.3        | 23.6             | 18.4               | 7.3       | 128.0         | 117.7    | 245.7    |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 90.1             | 66.1      | 30.0        | 22.4             | 18.1               | 7.2       | 124.2         | 110.4    | 234.6    |
| 1953-54.. ..            | 93.0             | 67.5      | 30.6        | 23.1             | 19.0               | 7.5       | 127.2         | 114.0    | 241.2    |
| 1954-55.. ..            | 96.3             | 69.9      | 31.2        | 24.2             | 19.6               | 7.7       | 129.7         | 119.8    | 249.5    |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |
| 1953-54—                |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |
| January .. ..           | 95.2             | 67.5      | 31.3        | 23.3             | 19.3               | 7.9       | 128.4         | 116.8    | 245.2    |
| February .. ..          | 92.7             | 67.3      | 30.3        | 23.0             | 19.0               | 7.6       | 127.1         | 113.5    | 240.6    |
| March .. ..             | 93.0             | 67.7      | 30.2        | 23.1             | 19.0               | 7.5       | 127.3         | 113.7    | 241.0    |
| April .. ..             | 92.8             | 68.1      | 30.2        | 23.4             | 19.1               | 7.5       | 127.6         | 114.1    | 241.7    |
| May .. ..               | 93.6             | 68.2      | 30.4        | 23.4             | 19.3               | 7.5       | 128.4         | 114.7    | 243.1    |
| June .. ..              | 93.6             | 68.5      | 30.8        | 23.4             | 19.3               | 7.4       | 128.4         | 115.3    | 243.7    |
| 1954-55—                |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |
| July .. ..              | 93.2             | 68.3      | 30.7        | 23.3             | 19.4               | 7.5       | 128.0         | 114.9    | 242.9    |
| August .. ..            | 93.4             | 68.1      | 30.8        | 23.3             | 19.2               | 7.4       | 128.0         | 114.9    | 242.9    |
| September .. ..         | 93.9             | 68.3      | 31.0        | 23.6             | 19.2               | 7.6       | 128.2         | 115.9    | 244.1    |
| October .. ..           | 94.8             | 68.7      | 31.1        | 23.7             | 19.4               | 7.5       | 128.2         | 117.7    | 245.9    |
| November .. ..          | 100.0            | 71.0      | 31.8        | 24.4             | 19.8               | 7.8       | 131.7         | 123.8    | 255.5    |
| December .. ..          | 104.4            | 72.7      | 32.5        | 24.5             | 20.3               | 8.1       | 134.9         | 128.3    | 263.2    |
| January .. ..           | 96.4             | 70.2      | 31.2        | 24.5             | 19.6               | 7.9       | 130.1         | 120.3    | 250.4    |
| February .. ..          | 95.8             | 70.0      | 30.8        | 24.5             | 19.4               | 7.8       | 129.6         | 119.5    | 249.1    |
| March .. ..             | 96.1             | 69.8      | 30.8        | 24.5             | 19.6               | 7.8       | 129.6         | 119.6    | 249.2    |
| April .. ..             | 95.9             | 70.0      | 31.0        | 24.5             | 19.7               | 7.8       | 129.2         | 120.3    | 249.5    |
| May .. ..               | 96.5             | 70.3      | 31.3        | 24.6             | 19.7               | 7.8       | 129.4         | 121.6    | 251.0    |
| June .. ..              | 95.7             | 71.0      | 31.3        | 24.6             | 19.8               | 7.8       | 129.2         | 121.6    | 250.8    |
| 1955-56—                |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |
| July .. ..              | 96.1             | 70.0      | 31.5        | 24.7             | 19.7               | 7.9       | 128.8         | 121.7    | 250.5    |
| August .. ..            | 95.9             | 70.2      | 31.3        | 24.6             | 19.6               | 7.8       | 128.8         | 121.3    | 250.1    |
| September .. ..         | 96.1             | 70.6      | 31.3        | 24.9             | 19.6               | 7.8       | 128.9         | 122.1    | 251.0    |
| October .. ..           | 96.5             | 71.2      | 31.6        | 25.1             | 19.7               | 7.9       | 129.5         | 123.3    | 252.8    |
| November .. ..          | 100.6            | 73.0      | 32.5        | 25.7             | 20.0               | 8.1       | 131.9         | 128.8    | 260.7    |
| December .. ..          | 106.0            | 73.5      | 32.5        | 26.3             | 20.5               | 8.3       | 135.6         | 132.3    | 267.9    |
| January .. ..           | 98.0             | 72.3      | 32.1        | 25.9             | 20.2               | 8.0       | 131.4         | 125.9    | 257.3    |

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. Figures subject to revision.

(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

## AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

| Period.                                  |         | New South Wales.(a) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(b) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000). |         |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| 1948-49                                  | .. ..   | 8,133               | 5,540     | 2,503       | 1,644               | 1,120              | 580       | 19,520     |
| 1949-50                                  | .. ..   | 9,018               | 6,370     | 2,838       | 1,894               | 1,315              | 672       | 22,107     |
| 1950-51                                  | .. ..   | 11,385              | 7,916     | 3,501       | 2,389               | 1,639              | 817       | 27,647     |
| 1951-52                                  | .. ..   | 14,364              | 9,816     | 4,319       | 3,018               | 2,108              | 1,059     | 34,684     |
| 1952-53                                  | .. ..   | 15,090              | 10,490    | 4,750       | 3,311               | 2,344              | 1,178     | 37,163     |
| 1953-54                                  | .. ..   | 16,043              | 11,305    | 5,065       | 3,561               | 2,586              | 1,280     | 39,840     |
| 1954-55                                  | .. ..   | 17,357              | 12,221    | 5,398       | 3,839               | 2,731              | 1,365     | 42,911     |
| 1953-54—                                 |         |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| December                                 | Qtr. .. | 16,753              | 11,748    | 5,225       | 3,640               | 2,672              | 1,296     | 41,334     |
| March                                    | .. ..   | 15,303              | 10,796    | 4,818       | 3,447               | 2,467              | 1,250     | 38,081     |
| June                                     | .. ..   | 16,463              | 11,619    | 5,245       | 3,673               | 2,644              | 1,356     | 41,000     |
| 1954-55—                                 |         |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September                                | .. ..   | 16,765              | 11,848    | 5,344       | 3,750               | 2,729              | 1,277     | 41,713     |
| December                                 | .. ..   | 17,918              | 12,440    | 5,612       | 3,862               | 2,773              | 1,345     | 43,950     |
| March                                    | .. ..   | 16,511              | 11,678    | 5,017       | 3,712               | 2,610              | 1,346     | 40,874     |
| June                                     | .. ..   | 18,235              | 12,916    | 5,619       | 4,033               | 2,813              | 1,492     | 45,108     |
| 1955-56—                                 |         |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September                                | .. ..   | 18,454              | 12,890    | 5,765       | 4,097               | 2,844              | 1,414     | 45,464     |
| December                                 | .. ..   | 19,683              | 13,664    | 6,034       | 4,267               | 2,980              | 1,462     | 48,090     |

|                                                        |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c) |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 1948-49                                                | .. ..   | 8.73  | 8.84  | 7.63  | 8.03  | 7.75  | 7.56  | 8.44  |
| 1949-50                                                | .. ..   | 9.50  | 9.78  | 8.34  | 8.83  | 8.65  | 8.49  | 9.26  |
| 1950-51                                                | .. ..   | 11.46 | 11.70 | 9.82  | 10.58 | 10.23 | 9.99  | 11.09 |
| 1951-52                                                | .. ..   | 14.24 | 14.20 | 11.93 | 13.13 | 12.80 | 12.59 | 13.65 |
| 1952-53                                                | .. ..   | 15.50 | 15.46 | 13.32 | 14.58 | 14.13 | 13.97 | 14.95 |
| 1953-54                                                | .. ..   | 16.15 | 16.27 | 14.05 | 15.30 | 15.04 | 14.92 | 15.69 |
| 1954-55                                                | .. ..   | 16.96 | 17.06 | 14.51 | 16.09 | 15.55 | 15.60 | 16.42 |
| 1953-54—                                               |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| December                                               | Qtr. .. | 16.87 | 16.99 | 14.58 | 15.81 | 15.60 | 15.23 | 16.33 |
| March                                                  | .. ..   | 15.33 | 15.44 | 13.47 | 14.67 | 14.29 | 14.48 | 14.94 |
| June                                                   | .. ..   | 16.38 | 16.48 | 14.33 | 15.52 | 15.20 | 15.51 | 15.93 |
| 1954-55—                                               |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| September                                              | .. ..   | 16.60 | 16.76 | 14.41 | 15.86 | 15.62 | 14.91 | 16.14 |
| December                                               | .. ..   | 17.53 | 17.45 | 15.14 | 16.26 | 15.78 | 15.51 | 16.86 |
| March                                                  | .. ..   | 16.07 | 16.20 | 13.59 | 15.50 | 14.86 | 15.20 | 15.59 |
| June                                                   | .. ..   | 17.64 | 17.81 | 14.90 | 16.73 | 15.92 | 16.76 | 17.07 |
| 1955-56—                                               |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| September                                              | .. ..   | 17.79 | 17.75 | 15.16 | 16.98 | 16.12 | 16.11 | 17.16 |
| December                                               | .. ..   | 18.83 | 18.68 | 15.89 | 17.49 | 16.82 | 16.65 | 18.04 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

# UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII. of the Social Services Act 1947-1955.

## NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.(a)

| Period.                 | Unemployment.       |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |            | Sickness.     | Special.      |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
|                         | New South Wales.(c) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(d) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | A.C.T. (e) | Australia. | Australia.(f) | Australia.(f) |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |            |               |               |
| 1947-48 .. ..           | 637                 | 140       | 2,640       | 49                  | 390                | 32        | ..         | 3,888      | 8,538         | 517           |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 282                 | 32        | 1,094       | 15                  | 121                | 31        | ..         | 1,575      | 7,614         | 591           |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 8,327               | 123       | 1,371       | 241                 | 155                | 30        | ..         | 10,247     | 7,585         | 897           |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 287                 | 71        | 326         | 6                   | 59                 | 14        | ..         | 763        | 7,059         | 863           |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 949                 | 220       | 1,374       | 24                  | 64                 | 16        | ..         | 2,647      | 6,454         | 993           |
| 1952-53 (f) ..          | 17,590              | 6,168     | 4,281       | 842                 | 841                | 262       | ..         | 29,984     | 7,140         | 1,408         |
| 1953-54 (f) ..          | 6,495               | 2,698     | 3,169       | 252                 | 406                | 212       | ..         | 13,232     | 7,994         | 1,868         |
| 1954-55 (f) ..          | 1,440               | 539       | 1,408       | 66                  | 153                | 81        | 3          | 3,690      | 7,984         | 1,983         |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |            |               |               |
| 1953-54—(f)             |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |            |               |               |
| February .. ..          | 4,445               | 1,539     | 5,397       | 99                  | 288                | 110       | ..         | 11,878     | 7,727         | 1,862         |
| March .. ..             | 3,675               | 1,277     | 3,644       | 93                  | 196                | 85        | ..         | 8,970      | 7,735         | 1,838         |
| April .. ..             | 3,445               | 1,229     | 3,252       | 77                  | 239                | 78        | ..         | 8,320      | 7,502         | 1,825         |
| May .. ..               | 3,014               | 1,161     | 1,986       | 79                  | 225                | 107       | ..         | 6,572      | 7,996         | 1,853         |
| June .. ..              | 2,810               | 1,203     | 1,657       | 79                  | 225                | 109       | ..         | 6,083      | 7,802         | 1,852         |
| 1954-55—                |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |            |               |               |
| July .. ..              | 2,627               | 1,135     | 1,166       | 99                  | 198                | 135       | 3          | 5,363      | 8,301         | 1,892         |
| August .. ..            | 2,226               | 957       | 1,081       | 83                  | 145                | 147       | 3          | 4,642      | 8,541         | 1,905         |
| September ..            | 1,822               | 757       | 918         | 80                  | 162                | 143       | 4          | 3,886      | 8,496         | 1,931         |
| October .. ..           | 1,334               | 602       | 802         | 55                  | 95                 | 114       | 5          | 3,007      | 8,113         | 1,933         |
| November ..             | 1,266               | 501       | 916         | 60                  | 114                | 113       | 4          | g2,975     | 8,169         | 1,931*        |
| December ..             | 1,179               | 480       | 1,228       | 64                  | 136                | 73        | 3          | 3,163      | 7,890         | 1,935         |
| January .. ..           | 1,248               | 437       | 2,165       | 67                  | 144                | 52        | 4          | 4,117      | 7,495         | 1,999         |
| February .. ..          | 1,132               | 363       | 2,371       | 57                  | 147                | 46        | 3          | 4,119      | 7,862         | 2,028         |
| March .. ..             | 1,240               | 286       | 2,347       | 43                  | 131                | 35        | 2          | h4,086     | 7,702         | 2,035         |
| April .. ..             | 1,113               | 288       | 1,799       | 50                  | 157                | 41        | 3          | h3,453     | 7,599         | 2,076         |
| May .. ..               | 1,049               | 335       | 1,140       | 62                  | 171                | 32        | 4          | g2,794     | 7,734         | 2,090         |
| June .. ..              | 1,040               | 319       | 964         | 70                  | 239                | 45        | 2          | 2,679      | 7,905         | 2,045         |
| 1955-56—                |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |            |               |               |
| July .. ..              | 1,068               | 335       | 615         | 55                  | 268                | 67        | 2          | 2,410      | 8,111         | 2,007         |
| August .. ..            | 899                 | 367       | 539         | 49                  | 248                | 83        | 2          | g2,188     | 8,077         | 2,026         |
| September ..            | 706                 | 327       | 425         | 37                  | 256                | 80        | 1          | 1,832      | 7,729         | 1,977         |
| October .. ..           | 658                 | 294       | 427         | 46                  | 215                | 85        | 2          | 1,727      | 7,402         | 1,957         |
| November ..             | 644                 | 277       | 431         | 44                  | 216                | 64        | 1          | 1,677      | 7,409         | 1,970         |
| December ..             | 965                 | 356       | 1,442       | 56                  | 377                | 48        | 1          | 3,245      | 6,703         | 1,943         |
| January .. ..           | 1,321               | 359       | 2,561       | 46                  | 414                | 40        | 1          | 4,742      | 6,846         | 1,965         |
| February ..             | 1,932               | 341       | 3,371       | 55                  | 374                | 50        | 5          | 6,128      | 7,150         | 1,998         |

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Excludes migrants. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory prior to July, 1954.  
(d) Includes Northern Territory prior to July, 1954. (e) Included with New South Wales prior to July, 1954. (f) As furnished by the Department of Social Services. (g) Includes Northern Territory, 1. (h) Includes Northern Territory, 2.



# UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA.

| Period.                 | Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit. |          |          | Amount Paid in Benefits. |           |           |           |         |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
|                         | Males.                                   | Females. | Persons. | Unem-<br>ployment.       | Sickness. | Special—  |           | Total.  |
|                         |                                          |          |          |                          |           | Migrants. | Ordinary. |         |
|                         |                                          |          |          | £                        | £         | £         | £         | £       |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                          |          |          |                          |           |           |           |         |
| 1947-48.. ..            | 2,273                                    | 116      | 2,389    | 30,802                   | 65,944    | 1,319     | 3,391     | 101,456 |
| 1948-49.. ..            | 955                                      | 56       | 1,011    | 11,570                   | 66,319    | 7,088     | 4,225     | 89,202  |
| 1949-50.. ..            | 10,854                                   | 2,571    | 13,425   | 105,506                  | 68,001    | 35,361    |           | 208,868 |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 881                                      | 111      | 992      | 5,204                    | 62,143    | 13,520    | 5,568     | 86,435  |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 1,771                                    | 520      | 2,291    | 15,584                   | 59,157    | 6,911     | 2,319     | 83,971  |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 12,793                                   | 1,797    | 14,590   | 380,812                  | 116,108   | 8,172     | 16,197    | 521,289 |
| 1953-54.. ..            | 4,368                                    | 810      | 5,178    | 208,788                  | 139,633   | 4,561     | 25,639    | 378,621 |
| 1954-55.. ..            | 1,529                                    | 496      | 2,025    | 56,620                   | 133,987   | 4,534     | 24,848    | 219,989 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                          |          |          |                          |           |           |           |         |
| 1953-54—                |                                          |          |          |                          |           |           |           |         |
| February ..             | 4,310                                    | 714      | 5,024    | 170,361                  | 121,033   | 4,538     | 19,923    | 315,855 |
| March ..                | 2,719                                    | 645      | 3,364    | 171,167                  | 136,753   | 2,926     | 25,690    | 336,536 |
| April ..                | 2,297                                    | 599      | 2,896    | 122,952                  | 132,694   | 3,725     | 24,150    | 283,521 |
| May ..                  | 2,389                                    | 764      | 3,153    | 123,805                  | 138,620   | 6,826     | 29,375    | 298,626 |
| June ..                 | 1,730                                    | 564      | 2,294    | 84,689                   | 110,169   | 7,846     | 25,139    | 227,843 |
| 1954-55—                |                                          |          |          |                          |           |           |           |         |
| July ..                 | 1,756                                    | 708      | 2,464    | 83,605                   | 138,866   | 8,748     | 26,518    | 257,737 |
| August ..               | 1,147                                    | 524      | 1,671    | 69,633                   | 127,933   | 4,748     | 23,468    | 225,782 |
| September ..            | 927                                      | 428      | 1,355    | 57,986                   | 148,570   | 3,185     | 25,293    | 235,034 |
| October ..              | 1,022                                    | 486      | 1,508    | 44,162                   | 123,395   | 1,738     | 20,449    | 189,744 |
| November ..             | 842                                      | 352      | 1,194    | 46,670                   | 146,493   | 5,362     | 26,107    | 224,632 |
| December ..             | 986                                      | 365      | 1,351    | 36,282                   | 129,836   | 3,335     | 24,382    | 193,835 |
| January ..              | 3,248                                    | 521      | 3,769    | 58,126                   | 135,073   | 5,146     | 20,940    | 219,285 |
| February ..             | 2,148                                    | 463      | 2,611    | 59,842                   | 121,882   | 8,397     | 20,648    | 210,769 |
| March ..                | 2,590                                    | 616      | 3,206    | 63,793                   | 145,720   | 2,844     | 28,597    | 240,954 |
| April ..                | 1,714                                    | 558      | 2,272    | 65,445                   | 142,051   | 4,112     | 25,774    | 237,382 |
| May ..                  | 927                                      | 453      | 1,380    | 54,011                   | 126,048   | 5,414     | 28,154    | 213,627 |
| June ..                 | 1,043                                    | 476      | 1,519    | 39,883                   | 121,975   | 1,390     | 27,838    | 191,086 |
| 1955-56—                |                                          |          |          |                          |           |           |           |         |
| July ..                 | 1,076                                    | 638      | 1,714    | 37,265                   | 127,405   | 3,745     | 32,994    | 201,409 |
| August ..               | 681                                      | 363      | 1,044    | 30,073                   | 127,300   | 3,404     | 25,402    | 186,179 |
| September ..            | 607                                      | 276      | 883      | 29,572                   | 154,338   | 4,307     | 32,351    | 220,568 |
| October ..              | 706                                      | 363      | 1,069    | 23,563                   | 121,599   | 11,343    | 16,726    | 173,231 |
| November ..             | 663                                      | 338      | 1,001    | 22,461                   | 120,050   | 4,763     | 24,762    | 172,036 |
| December ..             | 2,225                                    | 449      | 2,674    | 23,298                   | 121,350   | 2,603     | 23,519    | 170,770 |
| January ..              | 3,733                                    | 439      | 4,172    | 52,714                   | 139,321   | 6,945     | 26,958    | 225,938 |
| February ..             | 5,851                                    | 850      | 6,701    | 80,469                   | 119,925   | 7,737     | 22,343    | 230,474 |

# VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a): COMMODITY GROUPS.

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities. The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1947-48 to 1954-55 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the years 1947-48, 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas figures for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys. To provide comparability with the 1952-53 Census an adjustment has been made in the figures originally published for hardware, china and glassware for 1947-48 and subsequent periods.

(£ million.)

| Period.                   | Groceries. | Butchers' Meat. | Other Food. (b) | Beer, Wine and Spirits. | Clothing, Drapery and Footwear. | Hardware.(c) | Electrical Goods. | Furniture. | Other Goods. | Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, &c.) | Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.(d) |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |            |                 |                 |                         |                                 |              |                   |            |              |                                   |                                       |
| 1947-48 ..                | 31.9       | 39.4            |                 | (c)                     | 49.8                            | (e)          | (e)               | (e)        | (e)          | 207.3                             | 29.4                                  |
| 1948-49 ..                | 35.9       | 16.3            | 29.1            | 23.8                    | 59.5                            | 13.9         | 8.5               | 11.6       | 42.0         | 240.6                             | 41.5                                  |
| 1949-50 ..                | 40.2       | 18.9            | 32.9            | 26.2                    | 66.0                            | 16.6         | 10.9              | 13.6       | 51.1         | 276.4                             | 68.3                                  |
| 1950-51 ..                | 46.5       | 23.1            | 38.9            | 30.8                    | 82.1                            | 22.8         | 16.2              | 19.2       | 63.1         | 342.7                             | 95.5                                  |
| 1951-52 ..                | 58.2       | 29.7            | 47.0            | 38.5                    | 87.9                            | 27.4         | 19.4              | 19.0       | 76.9         | 404.0                             | 108.3                                 |
| 1952-53 ..                | 65.4       | 32.0            | 51.7            | 43.3                    | 88.8                            | 28.5         | 19.0              | 18.2       | 78.9         | 425.8                             | 104.3                                 |
| 1953-54 ..                | 68.8       | 33.4            | 55.9            | 46.7                    | 96.9                            | 31.2         | 22.8              | 20.3       | 84.2         | 460.2                             | 123.1                                 |
| 1954-55 ..                | 77.2       | 36.9            | 61.6            | 50.5                    | 104.9                           | 35.4         | 25.5              | 21.6       | 91.5         | 505.1                             | 145.4                                 |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |            |                 |                 |                         |                                 |              |                   |            |              |                                   |                                       |
| 1951-52—                  |            |                 |                 |                         |                                 |              |                   |            |              |                                   |                                       |
| Sept. Qtr. ..             | 53.2       | 27.9            | 43.2            | 32.3                    | 83.4                            | 26.2         | 20.5              | 20.7       | 71.1         | 378.5                             | 105.6                                 |
| Dec. „ ..                 | 59.9       | 29.5            | 48.9            | 41.7                    | 97.7                            | 29.6         | 22.2              | 20.5       | 87.3         | 437.3                             | 115.7                                 |
| Mar. „ ..                 | 58.2       | 30.1            | 48.4            | 41.3                    | 77.9                            | 26.7         | 18.2              | 17.2       | 74.2         | 392.2                             | 108.5                                 |
| June „ ..                 | 61.6       | 31.2            | 47.3            | 38.6                    | 92.6                            | 27.1         | 16.6              | 17.7       | 74.9         | 407.6                             | 103.5                                 |
| 1952-53—                  |            |                 |                 |                         |                                 |              |                   |            |              |                                   |                                       |
| Sept. „ ..                | 62.8       | 31.8            | 48.6            | 38.7                    | 80.3                            | 26.4         | 16.9              | 17.3       | 74.7         | 397.5                             | 95.2                                  |
| Dec. „ ..                 | 68.9       | 32.1            | 54.2            | 47.4                    | 100.6                           | 30.9         | 22.5              | 19.8       | 89.4         | 465.8                             | 110.3                                 |
| Mar. „ ..                 | 63.2       | 31.2            | 51.8            | 44.9                    | 76.5                            | 27.2         | 18.4              | 17.5       | 75.0         | 405.7                             | 101.5                                 |
| June „ ..                 | 66.6       | 32.7            | 52.2            | 42.0                    | 97.7                            | 29.3         | 18.0              | 18.2       | 76.4         | 433.1                             | 110.3                                 |
| 1953-54—                  |            |                 |                 |                         |                                 |              |                   |            |              |                                   |                                       |
| Sept. „ ..                | 67.9       | 33.4            | 53.0            | 41.9                    | 88.0                            | 29.6         | 20.1              | 19.6       | 78.9         | 432.4                             | 113.5                                 |
| Dec. „ ..                 | 72.9       | 33.8            | 58.5            | 51.9                    | 111.4                           | 34.9         | 28.0              | 22.8       | 96.6         | 510.8                             | 127.2                                 |
| Mar. „ ..                 | 65.6       | 32.7            | 56.0            | 48.3                    | 82.7                            | 28.7         | 22.1              | 18.1       | 78.6         | 432.8                             | 117.7                                 |
| June „ ..                 | 68.7       | 34.0            | 56.2            | 44.6                    | 105.3                           | 31.5         | 21.0              | 20.5       | 82.8         | 464.6                             | 133.9                                 |
| 1954-55—                  |            |                 |                 |                         |                                 |              |                   |            |              |                                   |                                       |
| Sept. „ ..                | 72.5       | 36.2            | 58.2            | 45.4                    | 96.9                            | 34.1         | 23.3              | 21.8       | 82.4         | 470.8                             | 141.1                                 |
| Dec. „ ..                 | 81.1       | 36.9            | 64.1            | 53.7                    | 119.8                           | 38.8         | 30.6              | 24.5       | 105.1        | 554.6                             | 148.8                                 |
| Mar. „ ..                 | 75.1       | 36.2            | 62.1            | 53.3                    | 89.4                            | 33.1         | 25.4              | 19.1       | 86.7         | 480.4                             | 137.8                                 |
| June „ ..                 | 80.0       | 38.2            | 62.2            | 49.6                    | 113.4                           | 35.0         | 23.2              | 21.4       | 91.5         | 514.5                             | 153.7                                 |
| 1955-56—                  |            |                 |                 |                         |                                 |              |                   |            |              |                                   |                                       |
| Sept. „ ..                | 81.6       | 39.1            | 64.2            | 49.0                    | 102.1                           | 37.4         | 27.4              | 23.5       | 92.9         | 517.2                             | 167.9                                 |
| Dec. „ ..                 | 89.4       | 39.2            | 71.2            | 57.3                    | 128.5                           | 43.8         | 34.7              | 26.8       | 117.3        | 608.2                             | 175.7                                 |

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, &c., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, &c.). (d) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, &c. (e) Comparable commodity dissections for 1947-48 not collected.

# RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Particulars of agreements originally made between retailers and customers and subsequently assigned to finance companies are not included in agreements made during each quarter nor, up to 31st December, 1953, in balances outstanding. Commencing March, 1954, however, details of balances outstanding on agreements assigned to finance companies were collected and are included in the figures from that date.

## AGREEMENTS MADE DURING EACH QUARTER : AUSTRALIA.

| Period.                        |   | Number<br>of<br>Agreements. | Value of Goods.(a) |                                  | Amount Financed.(b) |                                  | Average<br>Proportion<br>of Hire<br>Purchase Sale<br>Financed.(b)<br>(Per cent.) |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                |   |                             | Total.<br>(£'000.) | Average per<br>Agreement.<br>(£) | Total.<br>(£'000.)  | Average per<br>Agreement.<br>(£) |                                                                                  |
| MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC. |   |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| Quarterly Average—             |   |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| 1954-55 ..                     | r | 68,180                      | 47,183             | 692                              | 27,253              | 400                              | 58                                                                               |
| Quarterly Total—               |   |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| 1954—December ..               | r | 69,157                      | 47,367             | 685                              | 27,498              | 398                              | 58                                                                               |
| 1955—March ..                  | r | 64,136                      | 44,337             | 691                              | 25,587              | 399                              | 58                                                                               |
| June ..                        | r | 72,738                      | 51,894             | 713                              | 29,929              | 411                              | 58                                                                               |
| September ..                   | r | 80,086                      | 55,878             | 698                              | 33,019              | 412                              | 59                                                                               |
| December ..                    | r | 77,376                      | 54,699             | 707                              | 32,554              | 421                              | 60                                                                               |
| PLANT AND MACHINERY.           |   |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| Quarterly Average—             |   |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| 1954-55 ..                     | r | 3,688                       | 2,320              | 629                              | 1,414               | 383                              | 61                                                                               |
| Quarterly Total—               |   |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| 1954—December ..               | r | 3,975                       | 2,511              | 632                              | 1,543               | 388                              | 61                                                                               |
| 1955—March ..                  | r | 3,841                       | 2,675              | 696                              | 1,627               | 424                              | 61                                                                               |
| June ..                        | r | 3,575                       | 2,309              | 646                              | 1,383               | 387                              | 60                                                                               |
| September ..                   | r | 4,258                       | 2,738              | 643                              | 1,666               | 391                              | 61                                                                               |
| December ..                    | r | 5,142                       | 3,644              | 709                              | 2,272               | 442                              | 62                                                                               |
| HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.  |   |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| Quarterly Average—             |   |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| 1954-55 ..                     | r | 157,478                     | 12,014             | 76                               | 9,731               | 62                               | 82                                                                               |
| Quarterly Total—               |   |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| 1954—December ..               | r | 172,567                     | 13,699             | 79                               | 11,027              | 64                               | 80                                                                               |
| 1955—March ..                  | r | 153,704                     | 12,476             | 81                               | 10,147              | 66                               | 81                                                                               |
| June ..                        | r | 152,194                     | 11,045             | 73                               | 8,946               | 59                               | 81                                                                               |
| September ..                   | r | 157,139                     | 11,654             | 74                               | 9,505               | 60                               | 82                                                                               |
| December ..                    | r | 181,039                     | 14,524             | 80                               | 11,845              | 65                               | 82                                                                               |
| TOTAL (ALL GOODS).             |   |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| Quarterly Average—             |   |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| 1954-55 ..                     | r | 229,346                     | 61,517             | 268                              | 38,398              | 167                              | 62                                                                               |
| Quarterly Total—               |   |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| 1954—December ..               | r | 245,699                     | 63,577             | 259                              | 40,068              | 163                              | 63                                                                               |
| 1955—March ..                  | r | 221,681                     | 59,488             | 268                              | 37,361              | 169                              | 63                                                                               |
| June ..                        | r | 228,507                     | 65,248             | 286                              | 40,258              | 176                              | 62                                                                               |
| September ..                   | r | 241,483                     | 70,270             | 291                              | 44,190              | 183                              | 63                                                                               |
| December ..                    | r | 263,557                     | 72,867             | 276                              | 46,671              | 177                              | 64                                                                               |

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES—continued.

BALANCES OUTSTANDING AT END OF EACH QUARTER.(a)

(INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE.)

(£'000.)

| At end of—          | New South<br>Wales.(b) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South<br>Australia.(c) | Western<br>Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1953—               | r                      | r         |             | r                      | r                     | r         | r          |
| December Quarter(d) | 42,656                 | 25,167    | 18,392      | 10,869                 | 8,086                 | 3,865     | 109,035    |
| 1954—               |                        |           |             |                        |                       |           |            |
| March „ (d) ..      | 46,413                 | 27,623    | 19,694      | 11,742                 | 8,647                 | 4,221     | 118 340    |
| June „ ..           | 50,144                 | 30,819    | 22,361      | 13,116                 | 9,807                 | 4,751     | 130,998    |
| September „ ..      | 53,539                 | 34,248    | 24,041      | 14,768                 | 11,059                | 5,247     | 142,902    |
| December „ ..       | 60,195                 | 38,859    | 26,196      | 16,546                 | 12,207                | 5,854     | 159,857    |
| 1955—               |                        |           |             |                        |                       |           |            |
| March „ ..          | 64,033                 | 41,773    | 27,081      | 17,205                 | 12,779                | 6,363     | 169,234    |
| June „ ..           | 67,659                 | 44,497    | 28,638      | 18,078                 | 13,725                | 6,925     | 179,522    |
| September „ ..      | 73,524                 | 48,178    | 30,538      | 19,443                 | 14,645                | 7,358     | 193,686    |
| December „ ..       | 77,582                 | 52,969    | 31,977      | 21,047                 | 15,564                | 7,797     | 206,936    |

(a) Balances on agreements entered into during the quarter or at any time previously.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(d) See letterpress at top of page 14.

## WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

| Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded. |                   |                  |        | Month.      | Monthly Taxable Net Sales<br>at each Rate of Tax.(a) |      |      | Monthly Net Sales<br>Recorded. |                  |        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------|------|------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------|
| Year.                               | Taxable<br>Goods. | Exempt<br>Goods. | Total. |             | 10%                                                  | 12½% | 16½% | Taxable<br>Goods.              | Exempt<br>Goods. | Total. |
| 1936-37 ..                          | 15.4              | 21.8             | 37.2   | 1954-55—    |                                                      |      |      |                                |                  |        |
| 1937-38 ..                          | 16.9              | 23.6             | 40.5   | Nov. ..     | 15.2                                                 | 37.6 | 17.6 | 70.4                           | 144.7            | 215.1  |
| 1938-39 ..                          | 16.4              | 23.4             | 39.8   | Dec. ..     | 16.3                                                 | 38.0 | 16.9 | 71.2                           | 141.3            | 212.5  |
|                                     |                   |                  |        | Jan. ..     | 10.0                                                 | 26.5 | 10.5 | 47.0                           | 117.3            | 164.3  |
|                                     |                   |                  |        | Feb. ..     | 12.1                                                 | 32.1 | 15.9 | 60.1                           | 137.0            | 197.1  |
| 1946-47 ..                          | 24.6              | 42.2             | 66.8   | Mar. ..     | 13.2                                                 | 35.6 | 18.2 | 67.0                           | 157.6            | 224.6  |
| 1947-48 ..                          | 26.2              | 53.3             | 79.5   | Apr. ..     | 11.5                                                 | 32.2 | 16.2 | 59.9                           | 140.9            | 200.8  |
| 1948-49 ..                          | 30.3              | 63.1             | 93.4   | May ..      | 13.8                                                 | 35.6 | 18.4 | 67.8                           | 157.8            | 225.6  |
| 1949-50 ..                          | 38.0              | 72.2             | 110.2  | June ..     | 12.3                                                 | 34.4 | 17.4 | 64.1                           | 161.3            | 225.4  |
| 1950-51 ..                          | 45.6              | 94.9             | 140.5  | 1955-56—    |                                                      |      |      |                                |                  |        |
| 1951-52 ..                          | 52.0              | 110.1            | 162.1  | July ..     | 11.7                                                 | 32.7 | 17.2 | 61.6                           | 145.4            | 207.0  |
| 1952-53 ..                          | 46.3              | 111.8            | 158.1  | August ..   | 13.9                                                 | 37.2 | 19.1 | 70.2                           | 160.3            | 230.5  |
| 1953-54 ..                          | 57.3              | 122.2            | 179.5  | Sept. ..    | 14.5                                                 | 37.8 | 19.1 | 71.4                           | 158.4            | 229.8  |
| 1954-55 ..                          | 63.9              | 141.6            | 205.5  | Oct. (b) .. | 15.3                                                 | 39.4 | 17.9 | 72.6                           | 151.0            | 223.6  |
|                                     |                   |                  |        | Nov. (b) .. | 16.0                                                 | 41.0 | 21.0 | 78.0                           | 164.0            | 242.0  |

(a) On 19th August, 1954, the special rate of 10 per cent. was imposed.

(b) Preliminary and partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols r, —, see page 1.



# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.          | Producers' Materials for use in— |                   |     |                                   |        |     |          |        | Fuels and Lubricants. (c) | Auxiliary Aids to Production. | Munitions and War Stores. |           |           |               |                 |     |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|----------|--------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|-----|
|                  | Building and Construction.       | Rural Industries. |     | Manufacturing.                    |        |     |          | Total. |                           |                               |                           |           |           |               |                 |     |
|                  |                                  |                   |     | Motor Vehicle Assembly. <i>ab</i> | Other. |     | Class I. |        |                           |                               |                           |           |           |               |                 |     |
|                  |                                  |                   |     |                                   |        |     |          |        |                           |                               |                           | Class IA. | Class IB. | Class Ic (5). | Class Ic (1-4). |     |
| Monthly Average— |                                  | %                 |     | %                                 |        | %   |          | %      |                           | %                             |                           | %         |           |               |                 |     |
| 1936-37 ..       | 347                              | 4.0               | 143 | 1.7                               | (d)    | (d) | 3,435    | 39.9   | 3,925                     | 45.6                          | 621                       | 7.2       | 408       | 4.7           | 31              | 0.4 |
| 1937-38 ..       | 472                              | 4.4               | 155 | 1.5                               |        |     | 4,285    | 40.2   | 4,912                     | 46.1                          | 784                       | 7.4       | 470       | 4.4           | 36              | 0.4 |
| 1938-39 ..       | 385                              | 4.1               | 171 | 1.8                               |        |     | 3,599    | 38.2   | 4,155                     | 44.1                          | 736                       | 7.8       | 469       | 4.9           | 88              | 0.9 |
| 1948-49 ..       | 1,194                            | 3.5               | 318 | 0.9                               | (d)    | (d) | 13,545   | 39.2   | 15,057                    | 43.6                          | 3,037                     | 8.8       | 2,212     | 6.4           | 257             | 0.7 |
| 1949-50 ..       | 2,026                            | 4.5               | 431 | 1.0                               |        |     | 14,438   | 32.3   | 16,895                    | 37.8                          | 3,852                     | 8.6       | 2,390     | 5.4           | 129             | 0.3 |
| 1950-51 ..       | 3,408                            | 5.5               | 415 | 0.7                               |        |     | 23,426   | 37.9   | 27,249                    | 44.1                          | 5,032                     | 8.1       | 2,831     | 4.6           | 94              | 0.2 |
| 1951-52 ..       | 4,898                            | 5.6               | 518 | 0.6                               |        |     | 34,630   | 39.6   | 40,046                    | 45.8                          | 5,902                     | 6.7       | 5,236     | 6.0           | 1,132           | 1.3 |
| 1952-53 ..       | 1,482                            | 3.5               | 368 | 0.9                               |        |     | 14,620   | 34.4   | 16,470                    | 38.8                          | 5,313                     | 12.5      | 1,894     | 4.5           | 755             | 1.8 |
| 1953-54 ..       | 1,946                            | 3.4               | 441 | 0.8                               |        |     | 20,691   | 36.6   | 23,078                    | 40.8                          | 5,633                     | 10.0      | 1,891     | 3.3           | 351             | 0.6 |
| 1954-55 ..       | 3,044                            | 4.3               | 517 | 0.7                               |        |     | 27,158   | 38.7   | 30,719                    | 43.7                          | 4,790                     | 6.9       | 2,366     | 3.4           | 728             | 0.9 |
| Monthly Total—   |                                  |                   |     |                                   |        |     |          |        |                           |                               |                           |           |           |               |                 |     |
| 1953-54—         |                                  |                   |     |                                   |        |     |          |        |                           |                               |                           |           |           |               |                 |     |
| February         | 1,556                            | 3.4               | 444 | 1.0                               | (d)    | (d) | 17,587   | 38.4   | 19,587                    | 42.8                          | 4,023                     | 8.8       | 1,417     | 3.1           | 254             | 0.5 |
| March ..         | 2,043                            | 3.0               | 519 | 0.8                               |        |     | 25,655   | 38.4   | 28,217                    | 42.2                          | 6,667                     | 10.0      | 1,870     | 2.8           | 272             | 0.4 |
| April ..         | 2,158                            | 4.1               | 518 | 1.0                               |        |     | 18,318   | 35.2   | 20,994                    | 40.3                          | 4,934                     | 9.4       | 1,500     | 2.9           | 149             | 0.3 |
| May ..           | 2,421                            | 4.0               | 410 | 0.7                               |        |     | 22,421   | 37.3   | 25,252                    | 42.0                          | 6,532                     | 10.9      | 2,350     | 3.9           | 321             | 0.5 |
| June ..          | 2,528                            | 3.3               | 641 | 0.8                               |        |     | 30,623   | 40.3   | 33,792                    | 44.4                          | 4,916                     | 6.5       | 2,666     | 3.5           | 282             | 0.4 |
| 1954-55—         |                                  |                   |     |                                   |        |     |          |        |                           |                               |                           |           |           |               |                 |     |
| July ..          | 3,291                            | 4.7               | 659 | 0.9                               | (d)    | (d) | 27,176   | 38.7   | 31,126                    | 44.3                          | 5,045                     | 7.2       | 2,172     | 3.1           | 164             | 0.2 |
| August ..        | 2,886                            | 4.3               | 721 | 1.1                               |        |     | 22,018   | 33.1   | 25,625                    | 38.5                          | 5,968                     | 9.0       | 3,527     | 5.3           | 245             | 0.4 |
| September        | 2,836                            | 4.0               | 539 | 0.8                               |        |     | 26,843   | 38.2   | 30,218                    | 43.0                          | 4,972                     | 7.1       | 2,540     | 3.6           | 212             | 0.3 |
| October ..       | 2,901                            | 4.5               | 619 | 1.0                               |        |     | 24,525   | 37.9   | 28,045                    | 43.4                          | 4,129                     | 6.4       | 2,405     | 3.7           | 177             | 0.3 |
| November         | 2,404                            | 4.4               | 407 | 0.7                               |        |     | 20,117   | 36.6   | 22,928                    | 41.7                          | 4,332                     | 7.9       | 1,600     | 2.9           | 354             | 0.6 |
| December         | 3,354                            | 5.2               | 343 | 0.6                               |        |     | 24,863   | 38.8   | 28,560                    | 44.6                          | 4,524                     | 7.1       | 1,875     | 2.9           | 490             | 0.8 |
| January ..       | 3,235                            | 4.3               | 317 | 0.4                               |        |     | 29,734   | 39.1   | 33,286                    | 43.8                          | 5,916                     | 7.8       | 1,870     | 2.5           | 415             | 0.5 |
| February         | 2,877                            | 4.1               | 540 | 0.8                               |        |     | 28,521   | 40.8   | 31,938                    | 45.7                          | 4,431                     | 6.4       | 2,120     | 3.1           | 450             | 0.6 |
| March ..         | 3,336                            | 4.3               | 706 | 0.9                               |        |     | 32,439   | 41.8   | 36,481                    | 47.0                          | 4,632                     | 6.0       | 2,790     | 3.6           | 620             | 0.8 |
| April ..         | 2,914                            | 4.0               | 470 | 0.6                               |        |     | 28,839   | 39.4   | 32,223                    | 44.0                          | 4,970                     | 6.8       | 1,907     | 2.6           | 1,483           | 2.1 |
| May ..           | 3,216                            | 4.1               | 421 | 0.5                               |        |     | 31,243   | 39.6   | 34,880                    | 44.2                          | 4,820                     | 6.1       | 3,063     | 3.9           | 1,817           | 2.3 |
| June ..          | 3,282                            | 4.4               | 459 | 0.6                               |        |     | 29,578   | 39.6   | 33,319                    | 44.6                          | 3,738                     | 5.0       | 2,525     | 3.4           | 2,310           | 3.0 |
| 1955-56 p—       |                                  |                   |     |                                   |        |     | (e)      |        | (e)(f)                    |                               | (g)                       |           |           |               |                 |     |
| July ..          | 2,819                            | 4.6               | 650 | 1.1                               | 4,421  | 7.2 | 23,176   | 37.7   | 31,066                    | 50.6                          | 5,110                     | 8.3       | 3,218     | 5.2           | 819             | 1.3 |
| August ..        | 3,035                            | 4.3               | 695 | 1.0                               | 5,524  | 7.7 | 26,569   | 37.4   | 35,823                    | 50.4                          | 5,792                     | 8.1       | 2,098     | 3.0           | 1,418           | 1.9 |
| September        | 2,786                            | 3.7               | 564 | 0.8                               | 6,566  | 8.7 | 26,122   | 34.9   | 36,038                    | 48.1                          | 3,752                     | 5.0       | 3,551     | 4.7           | 860             | 1.2 |
| October ..       | 2,749                            | 4.0               | 470 | 0.7                               | 4,587  | 6.7 | 26,365   | 38.7   | 34,171                    | 50.1                          | 4,816                     | 7.0       | 2,232     | 3.3           | 733             | 1.1 |
| November         | 3,084                            | 4.2               | 326 | 0.5                               | 5,933  | 8.1 | 27,732   | 37.6   | 37,075                    | 50.4                          | 2,863                     | 3.9       | 2,371     | 3.2           | 815             | 1.1 |
| December         | 2,603                            | 4.1               | 679 | 1.1                               | 4,954  | 7.8 | 24,205   | 38.2   | 32,441                    | 51.2                          | 3,571                     | 5.7       | 1,944     | 3.1           | 960             | 1.5 |
| January ..       | 2,446                            | 3.8               | 483 | 0.8                               | 5,241  | 8.3 | 23,944   | 37.7   | 32,114                    | 50.6                          | 3,811                     | 6.0       | 1,661     | 2.6           | 876             | 1.4 |
| February..       | 1,905                            | 3.2               | 412 | 0.7                               | 5,076  | 8.6 | 23,858   | 40.4   | 31,251                    | 52.9                          | 2,971                     | 5.0       | 2,028     | 3.4           | 839             | 1.4 |

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Including replacement parts.

(c) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in class IC (1-4). (d) Included in class VB. (e) Prior to July, 1955 includes piece goods to be sold at retail which since July, 1955 have been recorded in class VI. E-J and paper to be sold solely for wrapping which since July, 1955 has been recorded in class III.

(f) Prior to July excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955 have been recorded in class IC (5). (g) From July, 1955 includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping which was previously included in class IC (1-4).

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# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.          | Capital Equipment.    |      |                                               |      |                                               |     | Finished Consumer Goods.     |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
|------------------|-----------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|----------------|------|-----------|------|
|                  | Producers' Equipment. |      | Transport Equipment.                          |      |                                               |     | Food, Beverages and Tobacco. |     | Clothing and Accessories. |     | All Other.     |      | Total.    |      |
|                  |                       |      | Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis. |      | Railway Equipment Vessels and Civil Aircraft. |     |                              |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
|                  | Class IV.             |      | Class V. B.                                   |      | Class V. A, C, D.                             |     | Class VI. A, B, C.           |     | Class VI. D.              |     | Class VI. E-J. |      | Class VI. |      |
| Monthly Average— |                       | %    |                                               | %    |                                               | %   |                              | %   |                           | %   |                | %    |           | %    |
| 1936-37 ..       | 884                   | 10.3 | 872                                           | 10.2 | 146                                           | 1.7 | 516                          | 6.0 | 46                        | 0.5 | 1,157          | 13.4 | 1,719     | 19.9 |
| 1937-38 ..       | 1,149                 | 10.9 | 1,161                                         | 11.0 | 205                                           | 1.9 | 531                          | 5.0 | 68                        | 0.6 | 1,299          | 12.3 | 1,898     | 17.9 |
| 1938-39 ..       | 1,104                 | 11.7 | 899                                           | 9.5  | 119                                           | 1.3 | 564                          | 6.0 | 84                        | 0.9 | 1,217          | 12.9 | 1,865     | 19.8 |
| 1948-49 ..       | 3,409                 | 9.9  | 4,231                                         | 12.2 | 355                                           | 1.0 | 1,619                        | 4.7 | 614                       | 1.8 | 3,714          | 10.9 | 5,947     | 17.4 |
| 1949-50 ..       | 5,297                 | 11.9 | 8,643                                         | 19.3 | 497                                           | 1.1 | 2,163                        | 4.8 | 578                       | 1.3 | 4,233          | 9.5  | 6,974     | 15.6 |
| 1950-51 ..       | 6,679                 | 10.8 | 9,245                                         | 15.0 | 1,137                                         | 1.8 | 2,873                        | 4.7 | 745                       | 1.2 | 5,896          | 9.5  | 9,514     | 15.4 |
| 1951-52 ..       | 9,960                 | 11.4 | 10,942                                        | 12.5 | 1,661                                         | 1.9 | 3,074                        | 3.5 | 1,149                     | 1.3 | 8,377          | 9.6  | 12,600    | 14.4 |
| 1952-53 ..       | 8,409                 | 19.7 | 3,569                                         | 8.3  | 1,703                                         | 4.0 | 1,917                        | 4.5 | 130                       | 0.3 | 2,369          | 5.6  | 4,416     | 10.4 |
| 1953-54 ..       | 9,474                 | 16.8 | 5,769                                         | 10.2 | 1,552                                         | 2.7 | 2,658                        | 4.7 | 446                       | 0.8 | 5,697          | 10.1 | 8,801     | 15.6 |
| 1954-55 ..       | 10,289                | 14.8 | 7,377                                         | 10.5 | 1,824                                         | 2.6 | 3,236                        | 4.6 | 614                       | 0.9 | 8,138          | 11.7 | 11,988    | 17.2 |
| Monthly Total—   |                       |      |                                               |      |                                               |     |                              |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
| 1953-54—         |                       |      |                                               |      |                                               |     |                              |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
| February         | 7,016                 | 15.3 | 4,773                                         | 10.5 | 1,075                                         | 2.4 | 2,442                        | 5.3 | 412                       | 0.9 | 4,763          | 10.4 | 7,617     | 16.6 |
| March ..         | 10,794                | 16.1 | 6,155                                         | 9.2  | 1,939                                         | 2.9 | 2,816                        | 4.2 | 798                       | 1.2 | 7,360          | 11.0 | 10,974    | 16.4 |
| April ..         | 10,632                | 20.4 | 5,009                                         | 9.6  | 1,312                                         | 2.5 | 2,520                        | 4.8 | 562                       | 1.1 | 4,517          | 8.7  | 7,599     | 14.6 |
| May ..           | 8,929                 | 14.8 | 7,220                                         | 12.0 | 1,315                                         | 2.2 | 1,959                        | 3.3 | 447                       | 0.7 | 5,819          | 9.7  | 8,225     | 13.7 |
| June ..          | 11,554                | 15.2 | 8,770                                         | 11.5 | 2,398                                         | 3.2 | 3,084                        | 4.0 | 444                       | 0.6 | 8,100          | 10.7 | 11,628    | 15.3 |
| 1954-55—         |                       |      |                                               |      |                                               |     |                              |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
| July ..          | 10,370                | 14.8 | 6,789                                         | 9.7  | 1,698                                         | 2.4 | 3,661                        | 5.2 | 519                       | 0.7 | 8,639          | 12.4 | 12,819    | 18.3 |
| August ..        | 10,805                | 16.2 | 7,059                                         | 10.6 | 1,891                                         | 2.8 | 2,460                        | 3.7 | 531                       | 0.8 | 8,424          | 12.7 | 11,415    | 17.2 |
| September        | 10,345                | 14.7 | 7,201                                         | 10.2 | 1,448                                         | 2.1 | 4,160                        | 5.9 | 640                       | 0.9 | 8,577          | 12.2 | 13,377    | 19.0 |
| October..        | 10,267                | 15.9 | 5,809                                         | 9.0  | 2,346                                         | 3.6 | 2,121                        | 3.3 | 586                       | 0.9 | 8,730          | 13.5 | 11,437    | 17.7 |
| November         | 7,633                 | 13.9 | 6,280                                         | 11.5 | 1,421                                         | 2.6 | 2,432                        | 4.5 | 468                       | 0.9 | 7,456          | 13.5 | 10,356    | 18.9 |
| December         | 9,446                 | 14.7 | 6,198                                         | 9.6  | 2,042                                         | 3.2 | 3,208                        | 4.9 | 608                       | 1.0 | 7,131          | 11.2 | 10,947    | 17.1 |
| January ..       | 11,380                | 15.0 | 8,129                                         | 10.7 | 2,216                                         | 2.9 | 3,033                        | 4.0 | 853                       | 1.1 | 8,915          | 11.7 | 12,801    | 16.8 |
| February         | 9,247                 | 13.2 | 7,244                                         | 10.4 | 2,120                                         | 3.0 | 4,613                        | 6.6 | 845                       | 1.2 | 6,844          | 9.8  | 12,302    | 17.6 |
| March ..         | 10,429                | 13.4 | 7,258                                         | 9.3  | 2,314                                         | 3.0 | 4,333                        | 5.6 | 886                       | 1.1 | 7,929          | 10.2 | 13,148    | 16.9 |
| April ..         | 10,564                | 14.4 | 8,437                                         | 11.5 | 1,558                                         | 2.1 | 3,591                        | 4.9 | 612                       | 0.9 | 7,890          | 10.7 | 12,093    | 16.5 |
| May ..           | 11,363                | 14.4 | 9,185                                         | 11.7 | 1,681                                         | 2.1 | 2,675                        | 3.4 | 412                       | 0.5 | 8,962          | 11.4 | 12,049    | 15.3 |
| June ..          | 11,623                | 15.6 | 8,931                                         | 12.0 | 1,157                                         | 1.5 | 2,548                        | 3.4 | 408                       | 0.6 | 8,151          | 10.9 | 11,107    | 14.9 |
| 1955-56 p—       |                       |      | (a)                                           |      |                                               |     |                              |     |                           |     | (b)            |      |           |      |
| July ..          | 8,657                 | 14.1 | 1,586                                         | 2.6  | 1,897                                         | 3.1 | 1,219                        | 2.0 | 403                       | 0.7 | 7,461          | 12.1 | 9,083     | 14.8 |
| August ..        | 9,779                 | 13.8 | 1,750                                         | 2.5  | 2,209                                         | 3.1 | 1,776                        | 2.5 | 521                       | 0.7 | 9,923          | 14.0 | 12,220    | 17.2 |
| September        | 12,573                | 16.8 | 2,042                                         | 2.7  | 1,546                                         | 2.1 | 2,822                        | 3.8 | 572                       | 0.7 | 11,142         | 14.9 | 14,536    | 19.4 |
| October..        | 10,298                | 15.1 | 1,623                                         | 2.4  | 1,388                                         | 2.0 | 2,713                        | 4.0 | 596                       | 0.9 | 9,645          | 14.1 | 12,954    | 19.0 |
| November         | 12,913                | 17.6 | 2,230                                         | 3.0  | 1,459                                         | 2.0 | 2,885                        | 3.9 | 474                       | 0.7 | 10,463         | 14.2 | 13,822    | 18.8 |
| December         | 10,932                | 17.3 | 1,695                                         | 2.7  | 1,151                                         | 1.8 | 2,418                        | 3.8 | 386                       | 0.6 | 7,801          | 12.3 | 10,605    | 16.7 |
| January ..       | 10,566                | 16.7 | 2,126                                         | 3.4  | 1,337                                         | 2.1 | 2,116                        | 3.3 | 522                       | 0.8 | 8,298          | 13.1 | 10,936    | 17.2 |
| February         | 10,076                | 17.1 | 1,581                                         | 2.7  | 1,479                                         | 2.5 | 1,575                        | 2.7 | 535                       | 0.9 | 6,761          | 11.4 | 8,871     | 15.0 |

(a) Prior to July, 1955 includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955 have been recorded in Class 1c. (b) From July, 1955, includes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail which was previously included in Class 1c (1-4).

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# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.                 | Producers' Materials.<br>(Class I.) |                     |                          | Finished Consumer Goods.<br>(Class VI.) |                     |                          | Total Imports of Merchandise.<br>(All Classes.) |                     |                          |        |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------|
|                         | Crude.                              | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude.                                  | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude.                                          | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Total. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                     |                     |                          |                                         |                     |                          |                                                 |                     |                          |        |
| 1936-37 ..              | 1,024                               | 373                 | 2,528                    | 45                                      | 303                 | 1,371                    | 1,069                                           | 1,505               | 6,032                    | 8,606  |
| 1937-38 ..              | 1,241                               | 449                 | 3,222                    | 48                                      | 300                 | 1,550                    | 1,289                                           | 1,796               | 7,530                    | 10,615 |
| 1938-39 ..              | 1,100                               | 351                 | 2,704                    | 55                                      | 309                 | 1,501                    | 1,155                                           | 1,627               | 6,653                    | 9,435  |
| 1948-49 ..              | 3,273                               | 2,059               | 9,725                    | 133                                     | 899                 | 4,915                    | 3,406                                           | 6,738               | 24,361                   | 34,505 |
| 1949-50 ..              | 3,916                               | 1,777               | 11,202                   | 180                                     | 1,277               | 5,517                    | 4,096                                           | 7,851               | 32,730                   | 44,677 |
| 1950-51 ..              | 6,996                               | 3,178               | 17,075                   | 273                                     | 1,600               | 7,636                    | 7,280                                           | 10,954              | 43,547                   | 61,781 |
| 1951-52 ..              | 7,788                               | 4,788               | 27,469                   | 359                                     | 1,446               | 10,795                   | 8,147                                           | 13,933              | 65,399                   | 87,479 |
| 1952-53 ..              | 4,712                               | 2,195               | 9,563                    | 251                                     | 1,182               | 2,983                    | 4,963                                           | 9,443               | 28,123                   | 42,529 |
| 1953-54 ..              | 6,260                               | 3,189               | 13,629                   | 385                                     | 1,471               | 6,945                    | 6,645                                           | 11,384              | 38,520                   | 56,549 |
| 1954-55 ..              | 8,818                               | 4,986               | 16,748                   | 428                                     | 2,082               | 9,478                    | 9,246                                           | 13,167              | 47,668                   | 70,081 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                     |                     |                          |                                         |                     |                          |                                                 |                     |                          |        |
| 1953-54—                |                                     |                     |                          |                                         |                     |                          |                                                 |                     |                          |        |
| February ..             | 6,447                               | 2,510               | 10,630                   | 329                                     | 1,416               | 5,872                    | 6,776                                           | 8,902               | 30,084                   | 45,762 |
| March ..                | 7,703                               | 3,740               | 16,774                   | 509                                     | 1,622               | 8,843                    | 8,212                                           | 13,268              | 45,408                   | 66,888 |
| April ..                | 7,008                               | 2,519               | 11,467                   | 491                                     | 1,475               | 5,633                    | 7,499                                           | 9,894               | 34,736                   | 52,129 |
| May ..                  | 6,828                               | 3,669               | 14,755                   | 256                                     | 1,174               | 6,795                    | 7,084                                           | 12,468              | 40,592                   | 60,144 |
| June ..                 | 8,647                               | 4,954               | 20,191                   | 474                                     | 1,840               | 9,314                    | 9,121                                           | 13,173              | 53,712                   | 76,006 |
| 1954-55—                |                                     |                     |                          |                                         |                     |                          |                                                 |                     |                          |        |
| July ..                 | 9,379                               | 4,937               | 16,810                   | 561                                     | 2,473               | 9,795                    | 9,940                                           | 13,734              | 46,509                   | 70,183 |
| August ..               | 6,402                               | 3,762               | 15,461                   | 314                                     | 1,440               | 9,661                    | 6,716                                           | 12,513              | 47,306                   | 66,535 |
| September ..            | 7,612                               | 4,834               | 17,772                   | 391                                     | 2,998               | 9,988                    | 8,003                                           | 14,169              | 48,141                   | 70,313 |
| October ..              | 7,248                               | 5,424               | 15,373                   | 399                                     | 1,079               | 9,959                    | 7,647                                           | 11,873              | 45,095                   | 64,615 |
| November ..             | 6,243                               | 4,396               | 12,289                   | 376                                     | 1,344               | 8,636                    | 6,619                                           | 11,154              | 37,131                   | 54,904 |
| December ..             | 8,997                               | 4,126               | 15,437                   | 333                                     | 2,295               | 8,319                    | 9,330                                           | 12,149              | 42,603                   | 64,082 |
| January ..              | 8,058                               | 5,548               | 19,680                   | 522                                     | 1,534               | 10,745                   | 8,580                                           | 14,444              | 52,989                   | 76,013 |
| February ..             | 10,559                              | 4,415               | 16,964                   | 342                                     | 3,370               | 8,590                    | 10,901                                          | 13,448              | 45,503                   | 69,852 |
| March ..                | 11,587                              | 5,737               | 19,157                   | 424                                     | 3,260               | 9,464                    | 12,011                                          | 15,025              | 50,636                   | 77,672 |
| April ..                | 9,740                               | 5,321               | 17,162                   | 484                                     | 2,370               | 9,239                    | 10,224                                          | 13,960              | 49,051                   | 73,235 |
| May ..                  | 10,206                              | 6,243               | 18,431                   | 383                                     | 1,719               | 9,947                    | 10,589                                          | 14,196              | 54,073                   | 78,858 |
| June ..                 | 9,789                               | 5,091               | 18,439                   | 605                                     | 1,108               | 9,394                    | 10,394                                          | 11,333              | 52,983                   | 74,710 |
| 1955-56 p—              |                                     |                     |                          |                                         |                     |                          |                                                 |                     |                          |        |
| July ..                 | 9,709                               | 3,716               | 17,641                   | 238                                     | 361                 | 8,484                    | 9,947                                           | 10,226              | 41,263                   | 61,436 |
| August ..               | 10,834                              | 4,287               | 20,702                   | 515                                     | 450                 | 11,255                   | 11,349                                          | 11,750              | 47,990                   | 71,089 |
| September ..            | 8,169                               | 4,650               | 23,219                   | 348                                     | 1,646               | 12,542                   | 8,517                                           | 11,503              | 54,878                   | 74,898 |
| October ..              | 8,226                               | 5,623               | 20,322                   | 341                                     | 1,638               | 10,975                   | 8,567                                           | 13,324              | 46,324                   | 68,215 |
| November ..             | 10,787                              | 4,675               | 21,613                   | 571                                     | 1,473               | 11,815                   | 11,358                                          | 10,384              | 51,806                   | 73,548 |
| December ..             | 10,549                              | 4,241               | 17,651                   | 233                                     | 1,450               | 8,922                    | 10,782                                          | 10,481              | 42,036                   | 63,299 |
| January ..              | 9,441                               | 4,241               | 18,432                   | 615                                     | 759                 | 9,562                    | 10,056                                          | 9,975               | 43,396                   | 63,427 |
| February ..             | 10,492                              | 4,259               | 16,500                   | 221                                     | 930                 | 7,720                    | 10,713                                          | 9,268               | 39,115                   | 59,096 |

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

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# EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.                 | Wool.   | Wheat<br>and<br>Flour. | Butter. | Sugar<br>and<br>Sugar<br>Syrups. | Meats.   | Hides<br>and<br>Skins. | Lead.  | Dried<br>Fruits. | Fresh<br>Fruits. | Total<br>Exports of<br>Merchan-<br>dise. |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------|------------------------|--------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |         |                        |         |                                  |          |                        |        |                  |                  |                                          |
| 1936-37.. ..            | 5,209   | 2,029                  | 734     | 309                              | 861      | 609                    | 402    | 172              | 165              | 12,316                                   |
| 1937-38.. ..            | 3,915   | 2,245                  | 898     | 336                              | 1,021    | 516                    | 409    | 224              | 171              | 11,719                                   |
| 1938-39.. ..            | 3,561   | 1,106                  | 1,074   | 348                              | 982      | 342                    | 356    | 239              | 169              | 10,128                                   |
| 1948-49.. ..            | 19,283  | 8,202                  | 1,984   | 1,108                            | (a)2,388 | 1,017                  | 1,856  | 288              | 260              | 45,092                                   |
| 1949-50.. ..            | 26,096  | 7,376                  | 2,056   | 1,185                            | 2,854    | 1,263                  | 1,416  | 241              | 328              | 50,971                                   |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 52,779  | 8,921                  | 1,539   | 1,240                            | 2,533    | 2,272                  | 1,796  | 389              | 477              | 81,591                                   |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 26,953  | 7,359                  | 383     | 586                              | 2,957    | 1,428                  | 2,156  | 472              | 572              | 55,437                                   |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 33,576  | 7,449                  | 1,675   | 1,805                            | 5,481    | 1,677                  | 2,116  | 669              | 791              | 70,708                                   |
| 1953-54.. ..            | 34,202  | 5,053                  | 1,338   | 2,639                            | 4,816    | 1,620                  | 2,004  | 617              | 774              | 67,655                                   |
| 1954-55.. ..            | 29,426  | 5,461                  | 2,049   | 2,604                            | 5,290    | 1,642                  | 2,070  | 703              | 731              | 63,170                                   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |         |                        |         |                                  |          |                        |        |                  |                  |                                          |
| 1953-54—                |         |                        |         |                                  |          |                        |        |                  |                  |                                          |
| February ..             | 31,736  | 3,491                  | 1,608   | 2,011                            | 3,036    | 1,215                  | 1,383  | 43               | 120              | 57,410                                   |
| March ..                | 48,981  | 4,507                  | 1,850   | 1,726                            | 3,629    | 1,830                  | 2,896  | 32               | 1,454            | 85,238                                   |
| April ..                | 34,935  | 2,529                  | 1,971   | 1,475                            | 3,444    | 1,571                  | 1,602  | 784              | 3,270            | 65,279                                   |
| May ..                  | 23,830  | 5,188                  | 1,404   | 144                              | 4,469    | 1,643                  | 1,622  | 1,471            | 2,597            | 57,829                                   |
| June ..                 | 25,272  | 4,250                  | 797     | 479                              | 5,201    | 1,625                  | 1,943  | 943              | 770              | 55,096                                   |
| 1954-55—                |         |                        |         |                                  |          |                        |        |                  |                  |                                          |
| July ..                 | 21,295  | 3,820                  | 374     | 1,977                            | 6,114    | 1,709                  | 1,396  | 1,312            | 350              | 52,020                                   |
| August ..               | 8,947   | 4,768                  | 401     | 4,226                            | 5,858    | 1,371                  | 3,663  | 1,301            | 165              | 43,912                                   |
| September ..            | 21,003  | 3,940                  | 1,084   | 4,809                            | 6,083    | 2,059                  | 1,682  | 766              | 67               | 54,769                                   |
| October ..              | 39,281  | 5,303                  | 1,945   | 2,983                            | 6,081    | 1,817                  | 2,181  | 845              | 143              | 72,656                                   |
| November ..             | 25,726  | 4,338                  | 1,567   | 1,560                            | 4,822    | 1,069                  | 1,942  | 118              | 116              | 49,926                                   |
| December ..             | 43,569  | 7,232                  | 4,193   | 3,546                            | 8,340    | 2,146                  | 2,455  | 400              | 114              | 84,153                                   |
| January ..              | 30,442  | 4,944                  | 3,345   | 2,812                            | 5,592    | 1,382                  | 1,885  | 265              | 36               | 63,618                                   |
| February ..             | 32,359  | 8,207                  | 3,194   | 3,190                            | 4,921    | 1,778                  | 1,368  | 363              | 239              | 67,251                                   |
| March ..                | 40,104  | 6,250                  | 1,722   | 1,364                            | 3,845    | 1,902                  | 3,122  | 283              | 1,008            | 77,007                                   |
| April ..                | 28,609  | 5,220                  | 1,128   | 2,247                            | 3,388    | 1,139                  | 1,152  | 510              | 2,468            | 56,904                                   |
| May ..                  | 29,030  | 5,701                  | 2,658   | 1,619                            | 4,568    | 1,936                  | 1,494  | 944              | 2,448            | 66,839                                   |
| June ..                 | 32,743  | 5,806                  | 2,994   | 919                              | 3,868    | 1,396                  | 2,496  | 1,334            | 1,617            | 68,985                                   |
| 1955-56p—               |         |                        |         |                                  |          |                        |        |                  |                  |                                          |
| July ..                 | r26,899 | r4,473                 | r1,504  | 1,183                            | r4,602   | 1,637                  | 2,201  | r1,482           | 588              | 60,878                                   |
| August ..               | r11,261 | 5,653                  | r1,376  | r2,111                           | r4,960   | r2,271                 | r2,376 | r1,004           | 308              | 48,937                                   |
| September ..            | r17,512 | r4,569                 | r1,068  | r3,267                           | r4,863   | r1,988                 | r2,896 | r958             | 122              | 51,558                                   |
| October ..              | r30,483 | 4,584                  | 3,399   | r2,267                           | r6,462   | r1,668                 | 1,800  | r211             | 143              | 65,609                                   |
| November ..             | r38,121 | r5,525                 | 3,689   | 3,643                            | r8,352   | r1,996                 | 2,743  | 126              | 195              | 79,211                                   |
| December ..             | 37,222  | 3,823                  | 4,297   | 1,608                            | 7,916    | 2,130                  | 2,035  | 534              | 56               | 73,197                                   |
| January ..              | 23,490  | 4,920                  | 3,224   | 1,471                            | 5,071    | 1,293                  | 1,379  | 131              | 19               | 55,583                                   |
| February(b) ..          | 8,231   | 2,754                  | 106     | 1,033                            | 995      | 456                    | 283    | 14               | 50               | 20,369                                   |

(a) Prior to July, 1948, included soups (1948-49 monthly average exports £92,000).

(b) Affected by Industrial Dispute.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.



## EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (from July, 1945 to September, 1951), the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

### SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.                                         |              | Wool.   | Wheat.<br>(a) | Butter. | Metals.<br>(b) | Meats.<br>(c) | Sugar. | Dried<br>Fruits.<br>(d) | Tallow. | Hides.<br>(e) | Gold.<br>(f) | All Groups.    |                |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------|---------|----------------|---------------|--------|-------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                 |              |         |               |         |                |               |        |                         |         |               |              | Excl.<br>Gold. | Incl.<br>Gold. |
| Percentage<br>Distribution of<br>Base Aggregate | } (g)<br>(h) | 45.63   | 17.06         | 11.36   | 6.83           | 6.63          | 2.40   | 1.81                    | 0.64    | 0.66          | 6.98         | ..             | 100.00         |
|                                                 |              | 49.05   | 18.34         | 12.21   | 7.34           | 7.13          | 2.58   | 1.94                    | 0.69    | 0.72          | ..           | 100.00         | ..             |
| 1936-37                                         | ..           | 122     | 123           | 92      | 120            | 98            | 104    | 103                     | 122     | 113           | 99           | 116            | 115            |
| 1937-38                                         | ..           | 99      | 111           | 107     | 96             | 106           | 92     | 103                     | 100     | 100           | 98           | 102            | 102            |
| 1938-39                                         | ..           | 79      | 66            | 101     | 84             | 96            | 104    | 94                      | 78      | 87            | 103          | 82             | 83             |
| 1948-49                                         | ..           | 365     | 413           | 233     | 478            | 171           | 343    | 162                     | 499     | 421           | 122          | 348            | 332            |
| 1949-50                                         | ..           | 473     | 400           | 250     | 421            | 196           | 369    | 176                     | 400     | 479           | 164          | 399            | 383            |
| 1950-51                                         | ..           | 999     | 432           | 271     | 689            | 209           | 410    | 226                     | 356     | 752           | 176          | 690            | 654            |
| 1951-52                                         | ..           | 564     | 436           | 291     | 811            | 263           | 464    | 302                     | 451     | 486           | 184          | 495            | 473            |
| 1952-53                                         | ..           | 616     | 445           | 313     | 504            | 314           | 501    | 297                     | 358     | 369           | 186          | 505            | 483            |
| 1953-54                                         | ..           | 615     | 411           | 325     | 450            | 338           | 479    | 287                     | 321     | 336           | 179          | 496            | 474            |
| 1954-55                                         | ..           | 538     | 357           | 313     | 511            | 344           | 445    | 267                     | 349     | 218           | 178          | 450            | 431            |
| 1953-54—                                        |              |         |               |         |                |               |        |                         |         |               |              |                |                |
| February                                        | ..           | 581     | 402           | 325     | 423            | 340           | 461    | 290                     | 368     | 353           | 177          | 476            | 455            |
| March                                           | ..           | 581     | 399           | 325     | 440            | 340           | 461    | 281                     | 355     | 327           | 176          | 476            | 456            |
| April                                           | ..           | (i) 596 | 381           | 325     | 467            | 340           | 461    | 281                     | 364     | 300           | 176          | 482            | 461            |
| May                                             | ..           | 618     | 372           | 325     | 474            | 340           | 461    | 281                     | 369     | 281           | 178          | 492            | 470            |
| June                                            | ..           | 622     | 369           | 325     | 484            | 340           | 448    | 281                     | 359     | 278           | 178          | 494            | 472            |
| 1954-55—                                        |              |         |               |         |                |               |        |                         |         |               |              |                |                |
| July                                            | ..           | (i) 622 | 359           | 313     | 475            | 340           | 448    | 278                     | 354     | 264           | 178          | 490            | 468            |
| August                                          | ..           | 566     | 358           | 313     | 475            | 340           | 448    | 262                     | 350     | 254           | 178          | 461            | 442            |
| September                                       | ..           | 566     | 355           | 313     | 498            | 340           | 448    | 261                     | 350     | 224           | 178          | 462            | 442            |
| October                                         | ..           | 536     | 356           | 313     | 524            | 340           | 468    | 260                     | 350     | 216           | 178          | 450            | 431            |
| November                                        | ..           | 513     | 358           | 313     | 518            | 340           | 468    | 261                     | 350     | 204           | 179          | 439            | 421            |
| December                                        | ..           | 532     | 359           | 313     | 512            | 384           | 468    | 263                     | 350     | 197           | 178          | 451            | 432            |
| January                                         | ..           | 520     | 360           | 313     | 516            | 367           | 430    | 266                     | 350     | 200           | 178          | 444            | 425            |
| February                                        | ..           | 528     | 356           | 313     | 522            | 346           | 430    | 267                     | 350     | 200           | 178          | 446            | 427            |
| March                                           | ..           | 528     | 356           | 313     | 523            | 329           | 430    | 270                     | 350     | 212           | 178          | 446            | 426            |
| April                                           | ..           | 520     | 354           | 313     | 525            | 324           | 434    | 271                     | 350     | 223           | 178          | 441            | 422            |
| May                                             | ..           | 520     | 354           | 313     | 520            | 332           | 434    | 268                     | 345     | 216           | 178          | 441            | 422            |
| June                                            | ..           | 505     | 355           | 313     | 528            | 343           | 434    | 279                     | 342     | 212           | 178          | 435            | 417            |
| 1955-56—                                        |              |         |               |         |                |               |        |                         |         |               |              |                |                |
| July                                            | ..           | (i) 505 | p352          | 313     | 538            | 359           | p468   | p266                    | p342    | 225           | 178          | p437           | p419           |
| August                                          | ..           | 453     | p351          | 313     | 538            | 365           | p468   | p266                    | p341    | 234           | 178          | p411           | p395           |
| September                                       | ..           | 437     | p334          | 313     | 545            | 398           | p468   | p278                    | p344    | 235           | 178          | p404           | p388           |
| October                                         | ..           | 437     | p329          | 337     | 543            | 408           | p454   | p282                    | p351    | 238           | 178          | p406           | p390           |
| November                                        | ..           | 437     | p323          | 364     | 549            | 383           | p454   | p284                    | p366    | 227           | 178          | p407           | p391           |
| December                                        | ..           | 453     | p315          | 368     | 575            | p364          | p454   | p283                    | p365    | 232           | 178          | p414           | p398           |
| January                                         | ..           | p460    | p313          | 361     | 590            | p348          | p441   | p285                    | p356    | 239           | 178          | p416           | p400           |
| February                                        | ..           | p460    | p311          | 328     | 592            | p331          | p441   | p288                    | p364    | 240           | 178          | p411           | p395           |

(a) From October, 1951, to July, 1953, the prices used for wheat were the estimated average realizations after weighting prices of quota and non-quota wheat. Prices adopted for months since August, 1953, are derived from available information of current sales.  
 (b) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (c) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (d) Sultanas, leixias, currants. (e) Cattle hides, calf skins.  
 (f) Where Australian gold has been sold on the overseas premium markets such price has been used in the index. (g) For all Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (h) For all Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (i) Nominal.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

## RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 20 hereof shows the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.         | 1948-49 |               |             | 1949-50. |               |             | 1950-51. |               |             | 1951-52. |               |             |
|-----------------|---------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
|                 | Wool.   | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. |
| July .. ..      | a351    | 316           | 332         | a339     | 277           | 305         | a592     | 333           | 451         | a717     | 400           | 544         |
| August .. ..    | a351    | 313           | 330         | a347     | 284           | 313         | 864      | 340           | 579         | 551      | 400           | 468         |
| September ..    | 355     | 308           | 329         | 339      | 292           | 314         | 890      | 355           | 599         | 498      | 400           | 445         |
| October .. ..   | 328     | 314           | 320         | 392      | 305           | 345         | 890      | 360           | 602         | 686      | 403           | 532         |
| November ..     | 366     | 313           | 337         | 419      | 305           | 357         | 965      | 366           | 639         | 603      | 398           | 492         |
| December ..     | 400     | 308           | 350         | 456      | 307           | 375         | 973      | 366           | 643         | 581      | 403           | 484         |
| January .. ..   | 400     | 310           | 351         | 562      | 310           | 425         | 1,252    | 368           | 771         | 566      | 402           | 477         |
| February ..     | 411     | 305           | 353         | 536      | 315           | 416         | 1,339    | 369           | 811         | 520      | 402           | 456         |
| March .. ..     | a411    | 304           | 353         | 524      | 316           | 411         | 1,437    | 377           | 860         | 460      | 400           | 427         |
| April .. ..     | 332     | 294           | 311         | a554     | 324           | 429         | 1,094    | 384           | 708         | 475      | 397           | 432         |
| May .. ..       | 336     | 291           | 311         | 611      | 328           | 457         | 973      | 385           | 653         | 543      | 385           | 457         |
| June .. ..      | 339     | 288           | 311         | 592      | 331           | 450         | 717      | 383           | 535         | 566      | 376           | 463         |
| Average of Year | 365     | 305           | 332         | 473      | 308           | 383         | 999      | 365           | 654         | 564      | 397           | 473         |

| Period          | 1952-53. |               |             | 1953-54. |               |             | 1954-55. |               |             | 1955-56. |               |             |
|-----------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
|                 | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. |
| July .. ..      | a566     | 381           | 465         | a641     | 369           | 493         | a622     | 338           | 468         | a505     | p347          | p419        |
| August .. ..    | a566     | 380           | 465         | a634     | 367           | 488         | 566      | 338           | 442         | 453      | p347          | p395        |
| September ..    | 551      | 379           | 457         | 626      | 365           | 484         | 566      | 339           | 442         | 437      | p347          | p388        |
| October .. ..   | 588      | 370           | 469         | 634      | 363           | 486         | 536      | 344           | 431         | 437      | p351          | p390        |
| November ..     | 588      | 368           | 469         | 634      | 360           | 485         | 513      | 343           | 421         | 437      | p352          | p391        |
| December ..     | 618      | 376           | 486         | 611      | 358           | 473         | 532      | 348           | 432         | 453      | p352          | p398        |
| January .. ..   | 618      | 376           | 486         | 603      | 354           | 468         | 520      | 345           | 425         | p460     | p349          | p400        |
| February ..     | 626      | 371           | 487         | 581      | 350           | 455         | 528      | 342           | 427         | p460     | p340          | p395        |
| March .. ..     | 656      | 369           | 500         | 581      | 351           | 456         | 528      | 341           | 426         |          |               |             |
| April .. ..     | 671      | 363           | 503         | a596     | 348           | 461         | 520      | 340           | 422         |          |               |             |
| May .. ..       | 701      | 361           | 516         | 618      | 346           | 470         | 520      | 340           | 422         |          |               |             |
| June .. ..      | 641      | 363           | 490         | 622      | 346           | 472         | 505      | 343           | 417         |          |               |             |
| Average of Year | 616      | 371           | 483         | 615      | 356           | 474         | 538      | 342           | 431         |          |               |             |

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the index numbers below. In computing these the "quantity multipliers" are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are:—

| All Groups.    |    |    | Month of February. |       | Eight months ended February. |       |
|----------------|----|----|--------------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|
|                |    |    | 1955.              | 1956. | 1955.                        | 1956. |
| Excluding Wool | .. | .. | 100                | 97    | 100                          | 102   |
| Including Wool | .. | .. | 100                | 91    | 100                          | 91    |

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period       | Basic Materials. |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        | Food-stuffs and Tobacco. | Basic Materials and Foodstuffs. |                                  |                   |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
|              | Metals and Coal. | Oils, Fats and Waxes. | Textiles. | Chemicals. | Rubber and Hides. | Building Materials. | Total. |                          | Goods principally Imported (a)  | Goods principally Home Produced. | Total All Groups. |
| 1936-37 ..   | 96               | 99                    | 118       | 99         | 111               | 99                  | 99     | 97                       | 99                              | 98                               | 98                |
| 1937-38 ..   | 101              | 101                   | 100       | 100        | 97                | 104                 | 102    | 100                      | 102                             | 100                              | 101               |
| 1938-39 ..   | 103              | 100                   | 82        | 101        | 92                | 97                  | 99     | 103                      | 99                              | 102                              | 101               |
| 1948-49 ..   | 185              | 173                   | 342       | 159        | 130               | 198                 | 188    | 175                      | 201                             | 173                              | 181               |
| 1949-50 ..   | 214              | 184                   | 434       | 187        | 143               | 225                 | 214    | 198                      | 223                             | 198                              | 205               |
| 1950-51 ..   | 256              | 196                   | 641       | 242        | 292               | 268                 | 264    | 232                      | 256                             | 242                              | 246               |
| 1951-52 ..   | 343              | 220                   | 577       | 314        | 298               | 370                 | 321    | 281                      | 288                             | 305                              | 300               |
| 1952-53 ..   | 392              | 234                   | 607       | 350        | 224               | 404                 | 350    | 294                      | 292                             | 331                              | 320               |
| 1953-54 ..   | 388              | 222                   | 566       | 323        | 191               | 363                 | 332    | 313                      | 271                             | 343                              | 321               |
| 1954-55 ..   | 391              | 214                   | 510       | 314        | 246               | 372                 | 330    | 311                      | 277                             | 338                              | 320               |
| 1953-54—     |                  |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                          |                                 |                                  |                   |
| February ..  | 384              | 221                   | 546       | 317        | 187               | 365                 | 328    | 306                      | 269                             | 336                              | 316               |
| March ..     | 389              | 222                   | 545       | 317        | 183               | 365                 | 330    | 304                      | 269                             | 335                              | 316               |
| April ..     | 390              | 217                   | 553       | 316        | 186               | 359                 | 328    | 306                      | 266                             | 337                              | 316               |
| May ..       | 390              | 217                   | 563       | 316        | 184               | 359                 | 329    | 306                      | 266                             | 338                              | 316               |
| June ..      | 384              | 218                   | 569       | 316        | 182               | 358                 | 327    | 308                      | 267                             | 337                              | 316               |
| 1954-55—     |                  |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                          |                                 |                                  |                   |
| July ..      | 384              | 217                   | 569       | 313        | 183               | 358                 | 327    | 308                      | 266                             | 337                              | 316               |
| August ..    | 384              | 216                   | 529       | 313        | 205               | 358                 | 325    | 308                      | 267                             | 336                              | 316               |
| September .. | 385              | 216                   | 527       | 313        | 232               | 365                 | 327    | 308                      | 271                             | 336                              | 317               |
| October ..   | 385              | 211                   | 505       | 313        | 240               | 365                 | 325    | 303                      | 269                             | 332                              | 313               |
| November ..  | 393              | 211                   | 491       | 314        | 240               | 365                 | 327    | 305                      | 277                             | 331                              | 315               |
| December ..  | 393              | 212                   | 507       | 315        | 225               | 365                 | 328    | 307                      | 277                             | 333                              | 317               |
| January ..   | 394              | 215                   | 501       | 315        | 237               | 365                 | 329    | 305                      | 279                             | 331                              | 316               |
| February ..  | 395              | 215                   | 505       | 315        | 257               | 373                 | 332    | 313                      | 281                             | 338                              | 322               |
| March ..     | 396              | 214                   | 507       | 315        | 264               | 381                 | 334    | 319                      | 282                             | 344                              | 326               |
| April ..     | 397              | 214                   | 496       | 315        | 271               | 387                 | 335    | 314                      | 283                             | 341                              | 324               |
| May ..       | 396              | 214                   | 497       | 315        | 294               | 389                 | 337    | 318                      | 283                             | 344                              | 326               |
| June ..      | 396              | 214                   | 485       | 315        | 306               | 398                 | 338    | 324                      | 287                             | 348                              | 330               |
| 1955-56—     |                  |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                          |                                 |                                  |                   |
| July ..      | 397              | 214                   | 486       | 315        | 307               | 398                 | 338    | p331                     | p281                            | p357                             | p334              |
| August ..    | 397              | 215                   | 452       | 315        | 323               | 398                 | 337    | p329                     | p282                            | p354                             | p333              |
| September .. | 405              | 215                   | 441       | 315        | 333               | 398                 | 340    | p329                     | p290                            | p352                             | p334              |
| October ..   | 405              | 215                   | 441       | 315        | 336               | 398                 | 340    | p325                     | p289                            | p350                             | p332              |
| November ..  | 404              | 216                   | 437       | 317        | 347               | 407                 | 342    | p331                     | p291                            | p355                             | p336              |
| December ..  | 404              | 216                   | 447       | 317        | 342               | 407                 | 342    | p326                     | p291                            | p352                             | p334              |
| January ..   | 405              | 216                   | p453      | 317        | 330               | 407                 | p343   | p327                     | p288                            | p354                             | p334              |
| February ..  | p405             | 216                   | p453      | 317        | 325               | 408                 | p343   | p318                     | p288                            | p347                             | p329              |

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

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# WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.       | Australia.                       | Canada.                        | France.                | India.                                       | New Zealand.                      | South Africa.                    | Sweden.         | United Kingdom. | U.S.A.                           |
|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
|               | Bureau of Census and Statistics. | Dominion Bureau of Statistics. | Inst. Nat. de la Stat. | Economic Adviser to the Government of India. | Census and Statistics Department. | Bureau of Census and Statistics. | Board of Trade. | Board of Trade. | Bureau of Labour Statistics. (a) |
| 1936-37 .. .. | 98                               | 101                            | 83                     | 104                                          | 96                                | 97                               | 98              | 100             | 104                              |
| 1937-38 .. .. | 101                              | 104                            | 105                    | 100                                          | 102                               | 103                              | 103             | 104             | 101                              |
| 1938-39 .. .. | 101                              | 95                             | 112                    | 96                                           | 102                               | 100                              | 99              | 96              | 95                               |
| 1950-51 .. .. | 246                              | 224                            | (b) 123                | (c) 426                                      | 210                               | 216                              | 237             | 288             | 211                              |
| 1951-52 .. .. | 300                              | 229                            | 145                    | 414                                          | 243                               | 252                              | 285             | 321             | 213                              |
| 1952-53 .. .. | 320                              | 216                            | 141                    | 386                                          | 252                               | 269                              | 278             | 320             | 209                              |
| 1953-54 .. .. | 321                              | 214                            | 137                    | 397                                          | 248                               | 270                              | 268             | 320             | 209                              |
| 1954-55 .. .. | 320                              | 211                            | 135                    | 365                                          | 249                               | 274                              | 272             | 326             | 208                              |
| 1955-56—      |                                  |                                |                        |                                              |                                   |                                  |                 |                 |                                  |
| July .. ..    | p334                             | 213                            | 133                    | 356                                          | 250                               | 280                              | 283             | 335             | 209                              |
| August .. ..  | p333                             | 214                            | 134                    | 357                                          | 248                               | 282                              | 282             | 335             | 210                              |
| September ..  | p334                             | 216                            | 135                    | 353                                          | 250                               | 283                              | 283             | 335             | 211                              |
| October .. .. | p332                             | 215                            | 136                    | 357                                          | 252                               | 282                              | 283             | 337             | 211                              |
| November ..   | p336                             | 215                            |                        | 365                                          |                                   | 284                              | 287             | 340             | 210                              |
| December ..   | p334                             | 216                            |                        | 368                                          |                                   | 283                              | 290             | 341             | 210                              |
| January .. .. | p334                             |                                |                        |                                              |                                   |                                  |                 |                 | 212                              |
| February ..   | p329                             |                                |                        |                                              |                                   |                                  |                 |                 | 212                              |

(a) New Series (linked as at January, 1947, to former series to show movement prior to that date).

(b) New Series. Base:

1949 = 100.

(c) "Sensitive Series" prior to July, 1947. Thereafter "General Purpose Series", on base : Year ended August, 1939 = 100.

# RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

| Period.       | Australia.                       | Canada.                        | New Zealand.                      | South Africa.                    | United Kingdom.(a)  | United States of America.    |
|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
|               | Bureau of Census and Statistics. | Dominion Bureau of Statistics. | Census and Statistics Department. | Bureau of Census and Statistics. | Ministry of Labour. | Bureau of Labour Statistics. |
| 1936-37 .. .. | 97.3                             | 98                             | 96                                | 97                               | Base :              | 100                          |
| 1937-38 .. .. | 99.8                             | 102                            | 101                               | 101                              | 17th June,          | 101                          |
| 1938-39 .. .. | 102.9                            | 100                            | 103                               | 102                              | 1947=100.           | 99                           |
| 1949-50 .. .. | 166.9                            | 160                            | 146                               | 159                              | (b) 113             | 166                          |
| 1950-51 .. .. | 190.6                            | 172                            | 159                               | 168                              | 118                 | 178                          |
| 1951-52 .. .. | 233.7                            | 186                            | 176                               | 182                              | (c) 131             | 186                          |
| 1952-53 .. .. | 255.0                            | 184                            | 185                               | 194                              | 139                 | 189                          |
| 1953-54 .. .. | 262.2                            | 184                            | 195                               | 199                              | 140                 | 190                          |
| 1954-55 .. .. | 264.4                            | 185                            | 201                               | 204                              | 146                 | 190                          |
| 1954-55—      |                                  |                                |                                   |                                  |                     |                              |
| April .. ..   | 267.8                            | 185                            | 203                               | 206                              | 147                 | 189                          |
| May .. ..     |                                  | 185                            |                                   | 205                              | 147                 | 189                          |
| June .. ..    |                                  | 184                            |                                   | 206                              | 150                 | 189                          |
| 1955-56—      |                                  |                                |                                   |                                  |                     |                              |
| July .. ..    | 271.9                            | 184                            | 204                               | 207                              | 150                 | 190                          |
| August .. ..  |                                  | 185                            |                                   | 206                              | 149                 | 190                          |
| September ..  |                                  | 186                            |                                   | 208                              | 150                 | 190                          |
| October .. .. | 274.6                            | 186                            | 204                               | 209                              | 152                 | 190                          |
| November ..   |                                  | 186                            |                                   | 208                              | 154                 | 190                          |
| December ..   |                                  | 186                            |                                   | 208                              | 154                 | 190                          |

(a) For bases of series for the United Kingdom, see notes (b) and (c).

(b) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100 ; cannot be linked to former series.

(c) From the month of February, 1952, the new series on base 15th January, 1952 = 100 has been linked to former series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100.

For meaning of symbols p. —, see page 1



# "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period.           | Retail Price Indexes : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. |                                |           |                |                                                           | Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States. |                               |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                   | Food and Groceries.                                            | Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses. | Clothing. | Miscellaneous. | Food, &c., Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous ("C" Series). | Nominal Rates, Adult Males.            | "Real" Wage, Adult Males. (a) |
| 1936-37 .. ..     | 963                                                            | 968                            | 976       | 996            | 973                                                       | 949                                    | 976                           |
| 1937-38 .. ..     | 989                                                            | 1,001                          | 1,006     | 1,003          | 998                                                       | 1,007                                  | 1,009                         |
| 1938-39 .. ..     | 1,048                                                          | 1,031                          | 1,018     | 1,001          | 1,029                                                     | 1,044                                  | 1,015                         |
| 1948-49 .. ..     | 1,531                                                          | 1,058                          | 2,264     | 1,349          | 1,528                                                     | 1,757                                  | 1,150                         |
| 1949-50 .. ..     | 1,664                                                          | 1,063                          | 2,626     | 1,443          | 1,669                                                     | 1,913                                  | 1,146                         |
| 1950-51 .. ..     | 1,998                                                          | 1,076                          | 3,044     | 1,597          | 1,906                                                     | 2,298                                  | 1,206                         |
| 1951-52 .. ..     | 2,694                                                          | 1,104                          | 3,623     | 1,898          | 2,337                                                     | 2,806                                  | 1,201                         |
| 1952-53 .. ..     | 2,950                                                          | 1,194                          | 3,893     | 2,124          | 2,550                                                     | 3,104                                  | 1,217                         |
| 1953-54 .. ..     | 3,073                                                          | 1,255                          | 3,938     | 2,148          | 2,622                                                     | 3,207                                  | 1,223                         |
| 1954-55 .. ..     | 3,098                                                          | 1,309                          | 3,940     | 2,145          | 2,644                                                     | 3,249                                  | 1,229                         |
| 1950-51—          |                                                                |                                |           |                |                                                           |                                        |                               |
| December Quarter  | 1,932                                                          | 1,068                          | 2,946     | 1,555          | 1,853                                                     | 2,291                                  | 1,236                         |
| March "           | 2,048                                                          | 1,084                          | 3,040     | 1,630          | 1,932                                                     | 2,367                                  | 1,225                         |
| June "            | 2,203                                                          | 1,087                          | 3,357     | 1,710          | 2,067                                                     | 2,507                                  | 1,213                         |
| 1951-52—          |                                                                |                                |           |                |                                                           |                                        |                               |
| September Quarter | 2,444                                                          | 1,091                          | 3,463     | 1,787          | 2,191                                                     | 2,629                                  | 1,200                         |
| December "        | 2,644                                                          | 1,094                          | 3,582     | 1,870          | 2,303                                                     | 2,771                                  | 1,203                         |
| March "           | 2,751                                                          | 1,105                          | 3,658     | 1,905          | 2,366                                                     | 2,878                                  | 1,216                         |
| June "            | 2,937                                                          | 1,124                          | 3,789     | 2,031          | 2,488                                                     | 2,946                                  | 1,184                         |
| 1952-53—          |                                                                |                                |           |                |                                                           |                                        |                               |
| September Quarter | 2,966                                                          | 1,156                          | 3,808     | 2,103          | 2,524                                                     | 3,054                                  | 1,210                         |
| December "        | 2,908                                                          | 1,181                          | 3,884     | 2,121          | 2,530                                                     | 3,102                                  | 1,226                         |
| March "           | 2,943                                                          | 1,212                          | 3,912     | 2,134          | 2,558                                                     | 3,110                                  | 1,216                         |
| June "            | 2,981                                                          | 1,227                          | 3,967     | 2,138          | 2,586                                                     | 3,150                                  | 1,218                         |
| 1953-54—          |                                                                |                                |           |                |                                                           |                                        |                               |
| September Quarter | 3,073                                                          | 1,235                          | 3,946     | 2,141          | 2,618                                                     | 3,195                                  | 1,220                         |
| December "        | 3,092                                                          | 1,243                          | 3,933     | 2,147          | 2,624                                                     | 3,206                                  | 1,222                         |
| March "           | 3,070                                                          | 1,255                          | 3,946     | 2,157          | 2,624                                                     | 3,213                                  | 1,224                         |
| June "            | 3,055                                                          | 1,286                          | 3,927     | 2,148          | 2,621                                                     | 3,214                                  | 1,226                         |
| 1954-55—          |                                                                |                                |           |                |                                                           |                                        |                               |
| September Quarter | 3,037                                                          | 1,301                          | 3,924     | 2,145          | 2,618                                                     | 3,213                                  | 1,227                         |
| December "        | 3,063                                                          | 1,306                          | 3,939     | 2,147          | 2,631                                                     | 3,233                                  | 1,229                         |
| March "           | 3,124                                                          | 1,310                          | 3,934     | 2,132          | 2,649                                                     | 3,269                                  | 1,234                         |
| June "            | 3,169                                                          | 1,320                          | 3,961     | 2,157          | 2,678                                                     | 3,283                                  | 1,226                         |
| 1955-56—          |                                                                |                                |           |                |                                                           |                                        |                               |
| September Quarter | 3,265                                                          | 1,330                          | 3,965     | 2,169          | 2,719                                                     | 3,299                                  | 1,213                         |
| December "        | 3,308                                                          | 1,337                          | 3,971     | 2,218          | 2,746                                                     | 3,345                                  | 1,218                         |

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index number.

# "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX, HOURS AND WAGES.

(Hours and Wages relate to Adult Males.)

| Particulars.                   | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Six Capitals or Six States. |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| 1954 : December Quarter—       |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)   | 2,697            | 2,572     | 2,456       | 2,587            | 2,822              | 2,697     | 2,631                       |
| Nominal weekly wage rate(a) .. | 3,326            | 3,170     | 3,106       | 3,146            | 3,270              | 3,335     | 3,233                       |
| "Real" " " " (a)(b)            | 1,233            | 1,233     | 1,265       | 1,216            | 1,159              | 1,237     | 1,229                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..    | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (c) | 243/-            | 235/-     | 218/-       | 231/-            | 236/-              | 242/-     | 236/-                       |
| State " " " ..                 | (c) 243/-        | (d) 234/- | (e) 225/-   | (c) 231/-        | (f) 246/6          | (c) 242/- | ..                          |
| 1955 : March Quarter—          |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)   | 2,712            | 2,596     | 2,475       | 2,605            | 2,835              | 2,724     | 2,649                       |
| Nominal weekly wage rate(a) .. | 3,369            | 3,211     | 3,129       | 3,165            | 3,290              | 3,366     | 3,269                       |
| "Real" " " " (a)(b)            | 1,242            | 1,237     | 1,264       | 1,215            | 1,160              | 1,236     | 1,234                       |
| Average Weekly Hours (a) ..    | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (c) | 243/-            | 235/-     | 218/-       | 231/-            | 236/-              | 242/-     | 236/-                       |
| State " " " ..                 | (c) 243/-        | (d) 235/- | (e) 225/-   | (c) 231/-        | (f) 246/6          | (c) 242/- | ..                          |
| 1955 : June Quarter—           |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)   | 2,733            | 2,627     | 2,488       | 2,653            | 2,897              | 2,750     | 2,678                       |
| Nominal weekly wage rate(a) .. | 3,374            | 3,243     | 3,129       | 3,169            | 3,334              | 3,369     | 3,283                       |
| "Real" " " " (a)(b)            | 1,235            | 1,234     | 1,258       | 1,194            | 1,151              | 1,225     | 1,226                       |
| Average Weekly Hours (a) ..    | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (c) | 243/-            | 235/-     | 218/-       | 231/-            | 236/-              | 242/-     | 236/-                       |
| State " " " ..                 | (c) 243/-        | (d) 237/- | (e) 225/-   | (c) 231/-        | (f) 246/6          | (c) 242/- | ..                          |
| 1955 : September Quarter—      |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)   | 2,769            | 2,698     | 2,505       | 2,668            | 2,888              | 2,782     | 2,719                       |
| Nominal weekly wage rate(a) .. | 3,379            | 3,265     | 3,154       | 3,174            | 3,391              | 3,373     | 3,299                       |
| "Real" " " " (a)(b)            | 1,220            | 1,210     | 1,259       | 1,190            | 1,174              | 1,212     | 1,213                       |
| Average Weekly Hours (a) ..    | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (c) | 243/-            | 235/-     | 218/-       | 231/-            | 236/-              | 242/-     | 236/-                       |
| State " " " ..                 | (c) 243/-        | (d) 240/- | (g) 227/-   | (c) 231/-        | (h) 252/5          | (c) 242/- | ..                          |
| 1955 : December Quarter—       |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)   | 2,787            | 2,747     | 2,507       | 2,691            | 2,902              | 2,832     | 2,746                       |
| Nominal weekly wage rate(a) .. | 3,458            | 3,307     | 3,177       | 3,174            | 3,398              | 3,374     | 3,345                       |
| "Real" " " " (a)(b)            | 1,241            | 1,204     | 1,267       | 1,179            | 1,171              | 1,191     | 1,218                       |
| Average Weekly Hours (a) ..    | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (c) | 243/-            | 235/-     | 218/-       | 231/-            | 236/-              | 242/-     | 236/-                       |
| State " " " ..                 | (i) 253/-        | (d) 246/- | (j) 229/-   | (c) 231/-        | (h) 252/5          | (c) 242/- | ..                          |

(a) Base : Weighted Average Six Capitals (Retail Prices) or Six States (Wages and Hours) Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.  
 Retail price index numbers are for the capital cities. (b) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (c) Automatic adjustments discontinued. The rates shown came into operation from beginning of first pay-period commencing August, 1953. (d) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (e) Payable as from 1st February, 1954. (f) Payable as from 27th July, 1953. (g) Payable as from 1st August 1955. (h) Payable as from 9th August, 1955. (i) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period in November, 1955. (j) Payable as from 24th October, 1955.

## INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The list of items covered by the Interim Index is representative of a high proportion of expenditure of wage earner households. It is more comprehensive than that of the "C" Series Index and some of the principal food weights and group weights differ substantially from those used in the "C" Series Index. The weighting pattern and the list of component items in the "C" Series Index relate to the pre-war pattern of wage earner expenditure and consumption, whilst those of the Interim Index relate to current conditions.

(Base of each Group : Year 1952-53 = 100.)

| Period.                      | Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. |                       |       |              |                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|--------------|-------------------|
|                              | Food.                                   | Clothing and Drapery. | Rent. | Other Items. | Total All Groups. |
| Year ended June—1951 .. .. . | 67.9                                    | 78.1                  | 90.3  | 76.3         | 74.9              |
| 1952 .. .. .                 | 89.4                                    | 93.8                  | 92.6  | 91.3         | 91.4              |
| 1953 .. .. .                 | 100.0                                   | 100.0                 | 100.0 | 100.0        | 100.0             |
| 1954 .. .. .                 | 103.7                                   | 101.6                 | 105.0 | 100.9        | 102.5             |
| 1955 .. .. .                 | 104.6                                   | 102.4                 | 109.6 | 101.4        | 103.6             |
| Quarter ended—               |                                         |                       |       |              |                   |
| 1953—December .. .. .        | 103.4                                   | 101.6                 | 103.9 | 100.5        | 102.2             |
| 1954—March .. .. .           | 104.0                                   | 101.8                 | 104.9 | 101.2        | 102.7             |
| June .. .. .                 | 103.7                                   | 101.5                 | 107.7 | 100.9        | 102.7             |
| September .. .. .            | 103.0                                   | 101.6                 | 108.9 | 101.2        | 102.7             |
| December .. .. .             | 103.7                                   | 102.3                 | 109.3 | 101.2        | 103.2             |
| 1955—March .. .. .           | 105.3                                   | 102.4                 | 109.7 | 101.2        | 103.8             |
| June .. .. .                 | 106.4                                   | 103.3                 | 110.5 | 101.9        | 104.7             |
| September .. .. .            | 108.2                                   | 103.3                 | 111.4 | 102.8        | 105.7             |
| December .. .. .             | 109.0                                   | 103.4                 | 112.0 | 106.2        | 107.0             |

## FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, &c., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1954-55 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Year.           | Agriculture. | Pastoral. | Farmyard and Dairying. | All Farming. | Wool (Shorn and Dead). | Products Other than Wool. |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1936-37 .. .. . | 114          | 115       | 93                     | 109          | 126                    | 104                       |
| 1937-38 .. .. . | 98           | 98        | 102                    | 99           | 95                     | 100                       |
| 1938-39 .. .. . | 88           | 87        | 105                    | 92           | 79                     | 96                        |
| 1946-47 .. .. . | 194          | 182       | 157                    | 185          | 187                    | 185                       |
| 1947-48 .. .. . | 267          | 263       | 183                    | 247          | 301                    | 230                       |
| 1948-49 .. .. . | 234          | 313       | 197                    | 260          | 366                    | 225                       |
| 1949-50 .. .. . | 272          | 396       | 228                    | 316          | 483                    | 261                       |
| 1950-51 .. .. . | 291          | 818       | 258                    | 505          | 1,098                  | 308                       |
| 1951-52 .. .. . | 355          | 501       | 332                    | 410          | 552                    | 363                       |
| 1952-53 .. .. . | 364          | 531       | 387                    | 440          | 623                    | 379                       |
| 1953-54 .. .. . | 323          | 534       | 395                    | 428          | 621                    | 364                       |
| 1954-55 .. .. . | 325          | 495       | 371                    | 406          | 540                    | 362                       |

## SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period.    | New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)                 |                            |                                      |                                               |                              |                                                        |                                                              | Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b) |                                    |                              |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|            | 23<br>Manufacturing and<br>Distributing<br>Companies. | 10<br>Retail<br>Companies. | 8<br>Public<br>Utility<br>Companies. | 5<br>Pastoral<br>and<br>Finance<br>Companies. | 5<br>Insurance<br>Companies. | 75<br>Companies<br>(including<br>24<br>Miscellaneous). | 34<br>Active<br>shares in-<br>cluded in<br>foregoing.<br>(c) | 12<br>Industrials.               | 12<br>Financial<br>and<br>Trading. | 24<br>Total of<br>foregoing. |
| 1936-37 .. | 989                                                   | 1,059                      | 1,010                                | 1,106                                         | 1,052                        | 1,022                                                  | 1,026                                                        | 1,006                            | 1,000                              | 1,003                        |
| 1937-38 .. | 1,012                                                 | 1,008                      | 1,026                                | 1,053                                         | 983                          | 1,009                                                  | 1,011                                                        | 1,014                            | 1,011                              | 1,013                        |
| 1938-39 .. | 999                                                   | 933                        | 964                                  | 841                                           | 965                          | 969                                                    | 963                                                          | 980                              | 989                                | 984                          |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,682                                                 | 1,601                      | 948                                  | 1,240                                         | 1,635                        | 1,426                                                  | 1,413                                                        | 1,681                            | 1,364                              | 1,536                        |
| 1949-50 .. | 1,763                                                 | 1,603                      | 887                                  | 1,357                                         | 1,920                        | 1,491                                                  | 1,458                                                        | 1,746                            | 1,370                              | 1,573                        |
| 1950-51 .. | 2,242                                                 | 1,932                      | 928                                  | 1,926                                         | 2,492                        | 1,845                                                  | 1,763                                                        | 2,108                            | 1,623                              | 1,886                        |
| 1951-52 .. | 2,040                                                 | 1,658                      | 872                                  | 1,606                                         | 2,625                        | 1,662                                                  | 1,537                                                        | 1,838                            | 1,402                              | 1,638                        |
| 1952-53 .. | 1,733                                                 | 1,376                      | 861                                  | 1,337                                         | 2,059                        | 1,398                                                  | 1,335                                                        | 1,494                            | 1,186                              | 1,353                        |
| 1953-54 .. | 1,784                                                 | 1,534                      | 881                                  | 1,385                                         | 2,217                        | 1,475                                                  | 1,443                                                        | 1,658                            | 1,302                              | 1,495                        |
| 1954-55 .. | 1,943                                                 | 1,885                      | 923                                  | 1,555                                         | 2,184                        | 1,626                                                  | 1,598                                                        | 1,695                            | 1,434                              | 1,575                        |
| 1953-54—   |                                                       |                            |                                      |                                               |                              |                                                        |                                                              |                                  |                                    |                              |
| February   | 1,812                                                 | 1,574                      | 887                                  | 1,358                                         | 2,375                        | 1,509                                                  | 1,481                                                        | 1,675                            | 1,330                              | 1,517                        |
| March ..   | 1,805                                                 | 1,554                      | 927                                  | 1,386                                         | 2,372                        | 1,508                                                  | 1,475                                                        | 1,667                            | 1,326                              | 1,511                        |
| April ..   | 1,778                                                 | 1,566                      | 921                                  | 1,392                                         | 2,143                        | 1,483                                                  | 1,457                                                        | 1,664                            | 1,341                              | 1,516                        |
| May ..     | 1,793                                                 | 1,611                      | 895                                  | 1,445                                         | 2,187                        | 1,499                                                  | 1,479                                                        | 1,659                            | 1,351                              | 1,517                        |
| June ..    | 1,830                                                 | 1,650                      | 897                                  | 1,498                                         | 2,143                        | 1,516                                                  | 1,493                                                        | 1,667                            | 1,358                              | 1,525                        |
| 1954-55—   |                                                       |                            |                                      |                                               |                              |                                                        |                                                              |                                  |                                    |                              |
| July ..    | 1,893                                                 | 1,716                      | 907                                  | 1,544                                         | 2,212                        | 1,558                                                  | 1,545                                                        | 1,696                            | 1,397                              | 1,559                        |
| August ..  | 1,946                                                 | 1,791                      | 931                                  | 1,647                                         | 2,260                        | 1,615                                                  | 1,593                                                        | 1,729                            | 1,413                              | 1,584                        |
| September  | 1,934                                                 | 1,828                      | 925                                  | 1,595                                         | 2,190                        | 1,610                                                  | 1,576                                                        | 1,719                            | 1,421                              | 1,582                        |
| October .. | 1,907                                                 | 1,832                      | 900                                  | 1,491                                         | 2,196                        | 1,593                                                  | 1,554                                                        | 1,697                            | 1,430                              | 1,575                        |
| November   | 1,887                                                 | 1,825                      | 895                                  | 1,446                                         | 2,159                        | 1,577                                                  | 1,545                                                        | 1,668                            | 1,423                              | 1,556                        |
| December   | 1,878                                                 | 1,842                      | 894                                  | 1,485                                         | 2,120                        | 1,578                                                  | 1,560                                                        | 1,672                            | 1,445                              | 1,568                        |
| January .. | 1,925                                                 | 1,853                      | 928                                  | 1,541                                         | 2,162                        | 1,615                                                  | 1,600                                                        | 1,675                            | 1,463                              | 1,578                        |
| February   | 1,958                                                 | 1,874                      | 966                                  | 1,553                                         | 2,199                        | 1,640                                                  | 1,625                                                        | 1,677                            | 1,481                              | 1,587                        |
| March ..   | 1,964                                                 | 1,940                      | 961                                  | 1,553                                         | 2,206                        | 1,651                                                  | 1,629                                                        | 1,678                            | 1,443                              | 1,570                        |
| April ..   | 1,960                                                 | 1,973                      | 924                                  | 1,544                                         | 2,188                        | 1,655                                                  | 1,632                                                        | 1,684                            | 1,415                              | 1,560                        |
| May ..     | 2,018                                                 | 2,005                      | 922                                  | 1,563                                         | 2,160                        | 1,682                                                  | 1,647                                                        | 1,710                            | 1,410                              | 1,572                        |
| June ..    | 2,047                                                 | 2,147                      | 929                                  | 1,699                                         | 2,157                        | 1,737                                                  | 1,666                                                        | 1,739                            | 1,463                              | 1,612                        |
| 1955-56—   |                                                       |                            |                                      |                                               |                              |                                                        |                                                              |                                  |                                    |                              |
| July ..    | 2,110                                                 | 2,329                      | 933                                  | 1,855                                         | 2,172                        | 1,798                                                  | 1,731                                                        | 1,755                            | 1,494                              | 1,635                        |
| August ..  | 2,117                                                 | 2,267                      | 929                                  | 1,813                                         | 2,223                        | 1,789                                                  | 1,719                                                        | 1,809                            | 1,499                              | 1,674                        |
| September  | 2,074                                                 | 2,181                      | 950                                  | 1,771                                         | 2,163                        | 1,752                                                  | 1,687                                                        | 1,721                            | 1,494                              | 1,617                        |
| October .. | 2,082                                                 | 2,160                      | 939                                  | 1,808                                         | 2,157                        | 1,753                                                  | 1,681                                                        | 1,694                            | 1,468                              | 1,590                        |
| November   | 2,044                                                 | 2,147                      | 922                                  | 1,768                                         | 2,133                        | 1,727                                                  | 1,648                                                        | 1,699                            | 1,473                              | 1,596                        |
| December   | 2,039                                                 | 2,189                      | 900                                  | 1,780                                         | 2,147                        | 1,734                                                  | 1,655                                                        | 1,701                            | 1,477                              | 1,598                        |
| January .. | 2,059                                                 | 2,235                      | 854                                  | 1,782                                         | 2,169                        | 1,746                                                  | 1,669                                                        | 1,736                            | 1,489                              | 1,622                        |
| February   | 2,043                                                 | 2,230                      | 842                                  | 1,780                                         | 2,159                        | 1,735                                                  | 1,659                                                        |                                  |                                    |                              |

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values.

(b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928.

(c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.



# COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.     | Export Prices. |                 |                 |        | Wholesale Prices. |                                    |                                  |             | Retail Prices.                          |                                         |                   |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|-------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|
|             | Wool.          | All Groups.     |                 |        | Basic Materials.  | Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.    |                                  |             | Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. |                                         |                   |
|             |                | Excluding Wool. | Excluding Gold. | Total. |                   | Goods Principally Imported.<br>(a) | Goods Principally Home-produced. | All Groups. | “ C ” Series Index.(b)                  |                                         | Interim Index.(c) |
|             |                |                 |                 |        |                   |                                    |                                  |             | Base :<br>1952-53 = 100                 |                                         |                   |
| 1936-37 ..  | 122            | 108             | 116             | 115    | 99                | 99                                 | 98                               | 98          | 97.3                                    | (Recomputed for purposes of comparison) |                   |
| 1937-38 ..  | 99             | 105             | 102             | 102    | 102               | 102                                | 100                              | 101         | 99.8                                    |                                         |                   |
| 1938-39 ..  | 79             | 87              | 82              | 83     | 99                | 99                                 | 102                              | 101         | 102.9                                   |                                         |                   |
| 1948-49 ..  | 365            | 305             | 348             | 332    | 188               | 201                                | 173                              | 181         | 152.8                                   |                                         |                   |
| 1949-50 ..  | 473            | 308             | 399             | 383    | 214               | 223                                | 198                              | 205         | 166.9                                   | 74.8                                    | 74.9              |
| 1950-51 ..  | 999            | 365             | 690             | 654    | 264               | 256                                | 242                              | 246         | 190.6                                   | 91.7                                    | 91.4              |
| 1951-52 ..  | 564            | 397             | 495             | 473    | 321               | 288                                | 305                              | 300         | 233.7                                   | 100.0                                   | 100.0             |
| 1952-53 ..  | 616            | 371             | 505             | 483    | 350               | 292                                | 331                              | 320         | 255.0                                   | 102.8                                   | 102.5             |
| 1953-54 ..  | 615            | 356             | 496             | 474    | 332               | 271                                | 343                              | 321         | 262.2                                   | 103.7                                   | 103.6             |
| 1954-55 ..  | 538            | 342             | 450             | 431    | 330               | 277                                | 338                              | 320         | 264.4                                   |                                         |                   |
| 1953-54—    |                |                 |                 |        |                   |                                    |                                  |             |                                         |                                         |                   |
| January ..  | 603            | 354             | 489             | 468    | 331               | 271                                | 336                              | 317         | 262.4                                   | 102.9                                   | 102.7             |
| February .. | 581            | 350             | 476             | 455    | 328               | 269                                | 336                              | 316         |                                         |                                         |                   |
| March ..    | 581            | 351             | 476             | 456    | 330               | 269                                | 335                              | 316         |                                         |                                         |                   |
| April ..    | (d)596         | 348             | 482             | 461    | 328               | 266                                | 337                              | 316         | 262.1                                   | 102.8                                   | 102.7             |
| May ..      | 618            | 346             | 492             | 470    | 329               | 266                                | 338                              | 316         |                                         |                                         |                   |
| June ..     | 622            | 346             | 494             | 472    | 327               | 267                                | 337                              | 316         |                                         |                                         |                   |
| 1954-55—    |                |                 |                 |        |                   |                                    |                                  |             |                                         |                                         |                   |
| July ..     | (d)622         | 338             | 490             | 468    | 327               | 266                                | 337                              | 316         | 261.8                                   | 102.6                                   | 102.7             |
| August ..   | 566            | 338             | 461             | 442    | 325               | 267                                | 336                              | 316         |                                         |                                         |                   |
| September   | 566            | 339             | 462             | 442    | 327               | 271                                | 336                              | 317         |                                         |                                         |                   |
| October ..  | 536            | 344             | 450             | 431    | 325               | 269                                | 332                              | 313         | 263.1                                   | 103.2                                   | 103.2             |
| November    | 513            | 343             | 439             | 421    | 327               | 277                                | 331                              | 315         |                                         |                                         |                   |
| December    | 532            | 348             | 451             | 432    | 328               | 277                                | 333                              | 317         |                                         |                                         |                   |
| January ..  | 520            | 345             | 444             | 425    | 329               | 279                                | 331                              | 316         | 264.9                                   | 103.9                                   | 103.8             |
| February .. | 528            | 342             | 446             | 427    | 332               | 281                                | 338                              | 322         |                                         |                                         |                   |
| March ..    | 528            | 341             | 446             | 426    | 334               | 282                                | 344                              | 326         |                                         |                                         |                   |
| April ..    | 520            | 340             | 441             | 422    | 335               | 283                                | 341                              | 324         | 267.8                                   | 105.0                                   | 104.7             |
| May ..      | 520            | 340             | 441             | 422    | 337               | 283                                | 344                              | 326         |                                         |                                         |                   |
| June ..     | 505            | 343             | 435             | 417    | 338               | 287                                | 348                              | 330         |                                         |                                         |                   |
| 1955-56—    |                |                 |                 |        |                   |                                    |                                  |             |                                         |                                         |                   |
| July ..     | (d)505         | p347            | p437            | p419   | 338               | p281                               | p357                             | p334        | 271.9                                   | 106.6                                   | 105.7             |
| August ..   | 453            | p347            | p411            | p395   | 337               | p282                               | p354                             | p333        |                                         |                                         |                   |
| September   | 437            | p347            | p404            | p388   | 340               | p290                               | p352                             | p334        |                                         |                                         |                   |
| October ..  | 437            | p351            | p406            | p390   | 340               | p289                               | p350                             | p332        | 274.6                                   | 107.7                                   | 107.0             |
| November    | 437            | p352            | p407            | p391   | 342               | p291                               | p355                             | p336        |                                         |                                         |                   |
| December    | 453            | p352            | p414            | p398   | 342               | p291                               | p352                             | p334        |                                         |                                         |                   |
| January ..  | p460           | p349            | p416            | p400   | p343              | p288                               | p354                             | p334        |                                         |                                         |                   |
| February .. | p460           | p340            | p411            | p395   | p343              | p288                               | p347                             | p329        |                                         |                                         |                   |

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (c) See note at head of page 26. (d) Nominal.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by local government authorities. Excludes government buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 31.)

| Period.                 | New Dwellings. |        | Other New Buildings. |        | Total New Buildings. |        | Alterations and Additions. | Total. |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|
|                         | Number.        | Value. | Number.              | Value. | Number.              | Value. | Value.                     | Value. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                | £'000. |                      | £'000. |                      | £'000. | £'000.                     | £'000. |
| 1936-37(a) ..           | 1,122          | 1,104  | 154                  | 474    | 1,276                | 1,578  | 408                        | 1,986  |
| 1937-38(a) ..           | 1,394          | 1,413  | 147                  | 472    | 1,541                | 1,885  | 422                        | 2,307  |
| 1938-39(a) ..           | 1,463          | 1,509  | 137                  | 424    | 1,600                | 1,933  | 420                        | 2,353  |
| 1947-48(b) ..           | 2,381          | 3,649  | 124                  | 453    | 2,505                | 4,102  | 585                        | 4,687  |
| 1948-49 ..              | 2,621          | 4,457  | 110                  | 440    | 2,731                | 4,897  | 680                        | 5,577  |
| 1949-50 ..              | 3,045          | 5,770  | 113                  | 460    | 3,158                | 6,230  | 899                        | 7,129  |
| 1950-51 ..              | 3,558          | 7,857  | 151                  | 1,062  | 3,709                | 8,919  | 1,507                      | 10,426 |
| 1951-52 ..              | 2,736          | 6,703  | 165                  | 1,270  | 2,901                | 7,973  | 1,727                      | 9,700  |
| 1952-53 ..              | 2,506          | 6,472  | 303                  | 1,744  | 2,809                | 8,216  | 1,829                      | 10,045 |
| 1953-54 ..              | 2,663          | 7,747  | 328                  | 2,538  | 2,991                | 10,285 | 2,071                      | 12,356 |
| 1954-55(c) ..           | 3,673          | 11,244 | 378                  | 4,083  | 4,051                | 15,327 | 2,593                      | 17,920 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| 1953-54—                |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| December ..             | 2,149          | 6,653  | 269                  | 2,164  | 2,418                | 8,817  | 1,418                      | 10,235 |
| January ..              | 2,116          | 6,209  | 224                  | 1,209  | 2,340                | 7,418  | 1,523                      | 8,941  |
| February ..             | 2,301          | 6,729  | 272                  | 2,062  | 2,573                | 8,791  | 2,816                      | 11,607 |
| March ..                | 2,996          | 8,568  | 366                  | 3,016  | 3,362                | 11,584 | 2,169                      | 13,753 |
| April ..                | 2,835          | 8,002  | 338                  | 3,372  | 3,173                | 11,374 | 2,248                      | 13,622 |
| May ..                  | 2,808          | 8,497  | 317                  | 2,413  | 3,125                | 10,910 | 1,994                      | 12,904 |
| June ..                 | 2,931          | 8,650  | 372                  | 4,072  | 3,303                | 12,722 | 2,767                      | 15,489 |
| 1954-55—                |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| July(c) ..              | 3,759          | 11,010 | 416                  | 4,605  | 4,175                | 15,615 | 2,788                      | 18,403 |
| August ..               | 4,108          | 12,219 | 452                  | 2,851  | 4,560                | 15,070 | 2,576                      | 17,646 |
| September ..            | 4,464          | 13,238 | 426                  | 3,821  | 4,890                | 17,059 | 3,019                      | 20,078 |
| October ..              | 3,847          | 11,550 | 374                  | 2,821  | 4,221                | 14,371 | 2,424                      | 16,795 |
| November ..             | 3,797          | 11,359 | 388                  | 6,381  | 4,185                | 17,740 | 2,755                      | 20,495 |
| December ..             | 3,225          | 9,699  | 274                  | 2,578  | 3,499                | 12,277 | 1,897                      | 14,174 |
| January ..              | 2,706          | 8,284  | 269                  | 3,709  | 2,975                | 11,993 | 1,983                      | 13,976 |
| February ..             | 3,595          | 10,907 | 387                  | 4,273  | 3,982                | 15,180 | 2,219                      | 17,399 |
| March ..                | 3,670          | 12,064 | 354                  | 4,235  | 4,024                | 16,299 | 2,608                      | 18,907 |
| April ..                | 3,212          | 10,137 | 339                  | 4,430  | 3,551                | 14,567 | 2,561                      | 17,128 |
| May ..                  | 3,725          | 11,889 | 451                  | 3,566  | 4,176                | 15,455 | 3,289                      | 18,744 |
| June ..                 | 3,969          | 12,577 | 408                  | 5,731  | 4,377                | 18,308 | 3,000                      | 21,308 |
| 1955-56—                |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| July ..                 | 3,637          | 11,394 | 364                  | 4,143  | 4,001                | 15,537 | 2,701                      | 18,238 |
| August ..               | 3,904          | 12,253 | 389                  | 7,159  | 4,293                | 19,412 | 3,166                      | 22,578 |
| September ..            | 3,983          | 12,533 | 414                  | 4,341  | 4,397                | 16,874 | 2,991                      | 19,865 |
| October ..              | 3,825          | 12,120 | 355                  | 3,604  | 4,180                | 15,724 | 2,473                      | 18,197 |
| November ..             | 3,759          | 12,127 | 323                  | 5,083  | 4,082                | 17,210 | 2,498                      | 19,708 |
| December ..             | 2,678          | 8,526  | 294                  | 5,352  | 2,972                | 13,878 | 2,352                      | 16,230 |

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (b) From July, 1947, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Melbourne. See note (e) page 30. (c) From July, 1954, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart. See note (k) on page 30 and note (g) on page 31.

NOTE.—Building controls under National Security (Building Control) Regulations operated from 5th December, 1940, becoming most stringent in 1942, when consent was required for all building other than alterations and additions costing less than £25. These controls were progressively relaxed after 1945 and have now ceased to exist in all States. For more detailed notes see earlier issues of this publication.

The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

| Period.                 | Australia.               |                                 |                       | New South Wales          |                      |                                   | Victoria.                |                         |                                  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                         | Government.              | Private.(a)                     |                       | Government. (b)          | Private.             |                                   | Government.              | Private.                |                                  |
|                         | Common-wealth and State. | Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. | Common-wealth and State. | Sydney Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note A. | Common-wealth and State. | Melbourne Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas See Note B. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                  |
| 1936-37 ..              | n.a.                     | (c)1,986                        | (d)627                | n.a.                     | 848                  | 416                               | n.a.                     | 667                     | 62                               |
| 1937-38 ..              | n.a.                     | (c)2,307                        | (d)764                | n.a.                     | 1,093                | 506                               | n.a.                     | 669                     | 78                               |
| 1938-39 ..              | 408                      | (c)2,353                        | (d)755                | 187                      | 1,111                | 495                               | 107                      | 702                     | 63                               |
| 1948-49 ..              | 1,992                    | (e)5,577                        | (f)3,832              | 904                      | 2,089                | (g)2,432                          | 675                      | (e)1,804                | 211                              |
| 1949-50 ..              | 2,751                    | 7,129                           | 4,863                 | 985                      | 2,625                | 3,101                             | 1,067                    | 2,218                   | 217                              |
| 1950-51 ..              | 4,348                    | 10,426                          | (h)8,568              | 1,964                    | 3,610                | 4,519                             | 1,428                    | 3,187                   | (h)2,031                         |
| 1951-52 ..              | 3,631                    | 9,700                           | 7,877                 | 1,603                    | 2,679                | 3,717                             | 960                      | 2,831                   | 1,947                            |
| 1952-53 ..              | 2,772                    | 10,045                          | 7,671                 | 923                      | 2,799                | 3,542                             | 1,129                    | 2,906                   | 1,931                            |
| 1953-54 ..              | (i)4,619                 | 12,356                          | r9,693                | 1,912                    | 3,553                | 4,622                             | 1,653                    | 3,890                   | 2,297                            |
| 1954-55 ..              | 5,936                    | j17,920                         | j18,379               | 2,461                    | (k)6,340             | (k)3,550                          | 1,779                    | (k)5,598                | (k)1,812                         |
| 1953-54—                |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                  |
| December Qtr.           | 4,628                    | 11,285                          | r9,312                | 2,356                    | 3,166                | 4,505                             | 1,434                    | 3,813                   | 2,178                            |
| March ..                | 3,839                    | 11,434                          | r8,822                | 1,189                    | 3,498                | 4,248                             | 1,407                    | 3,277                   | 1,973                            |
| June ..                 | (i)5,846                 | 14,005                          | r10,838               | 2,180                    | 3,742                | 5,156                             | 2,215                    | 4,764                   | 2,568                            |
| 1954-55—                |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                  |
| September ..            | 4,773                    | j18,709                         | j18,863               | 1,812                    | (k)6,419             | (k)3,821                          | 1,485                    | (k)5,643                | (k)2,062                         |
| December ..             | 5,845                    | 17,154                          | 8,240                 | 2,098                    | 6,350                | 3,582                             | 1,998                    | 5,334                   | 1,774                            |
| March ..                | 5,873                    | 16,761                          | 7,712                 | 2,451                    | 5,393                | 3,022                             | 1,478                    | 5,426                   | 1,635                            |
| June ..                 | 7,255                    | 19,060                          | 8,704                 | 3,482                    | 7,199                | 3,775                             | 2,155                    | 5,988                   | 1,777                            |
| 1955-56—                |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                  |
| September ..            | 6,341                    | 20,227                          | 10,085                | 2,767                    | 7,273                | 3,653                             | 1,146                    | 6,495                   | 3,224                            |
| December ..             |                          | 18,045                          | 8,921                 | 2,681                    | 5,899                | 3,292                             | 2,164                    | 5,899                   | 1,873                            |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                  |
| 1954-55—                |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                  |
| March ..                | 7,075                    | 18,907                          | n.a.                  | 4,260                    | 5,808                | 3,483                             | 1,641                    | 6,657                   | 1,865                            |
| April ..                | 4,470                    | 17,128                          | n.a.                  | 2,373                    | 6,497                | 3,218                             | 915                      | 5,539                   | 1,661                            |
| May ..                  | 7,525                    | 18,744                          | n.a.                  | 2,345                    | 7,067                | 3,745                             | 3,185                    | 5,930                   | 1,605                            |
| June ..                 | 9,770                    | 21,308                          | n.a.                  | 5,727                    | 8,034                | 4,362                             | 2,366                    | 6,494                   | 2,064                            |
| 1955-56—                |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                  |
| July ..                 | 4,590                    | 18,238                          | n.a.                  | 1,744                    | 6,298                | 3,546                             | 1,556                    | 6,269                   | 1,992                            |
| August ..               | 3,800                    | 22,578                          | n.a.                  | 1,653                    | 9,176                | 3,594                             | 765                      | 6,540                   | 2,310                            |
| September ..            | 10,635                   | 19,865                          | n.a.                  | 4,905                    | 6,346                | 3,818                             | 1,116                    | 6,676                   | 5,371                            |
| October ..              | 5,621                    | 18,197                          | n.a.                  | 2,115                    | 5,552                | 3,560                             | 2,137                    | 5,834                   | 2,091                            |
| November ..             | 7,070                    | 19,708                          | n.a.                  | 2,832                    | 6,322                | 3,270                             | 2,139                    | 6,496                   | 2,085                            |
| December ..             |                          | 16,230                          | n.a.                  | 3,097                    | 5,823                | 3,046                             | 2,215                    | 5,367                   | 1,442                            |
| January ..              |                          |                                 |                       | 794                      | 5,775                | 2,917                             | 858                      | 4,096                   | 1,513                            |

(a) See note (a) on page 31. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) From July, 1947, the metropolitan area of Melbourne includes some additional areas. For details see September, 1954, issue of this publication. (f) See A, below and C, E and F, page 31. (g) See A below. (h) See B below. (i) See note (f), page 31. (j) See note (k), this page and note (g), page 31. (k) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see September, 1954, issue of this publication.

## NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.  
B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

| Period.                 | Queensland.              |                        |                                   | South Australia.         |                        |                                   | Western Australia.       |                     |                                   | Tasmania.                |                      |                                   |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                         | Government.              | Private.(a)            |                                   | Government.(b)           | Private.(a)            |                                   | Government.              | Private.(a)         |                                   | Government.              | Private.(a)          |                                   |
|                         | Common-wealth and State. | Brisbane Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note C. | Common-wealth and State. | Adelaide Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note D. | Common-wealth and State. | Perth Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note E. | Common-wealth and State. | Hobart Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note F. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| 1936-37 ..              | n.a.                     | 153                    | 98                                | n.a.                     | 118                    | 32                                | n.a.                     | 168                 | n.a.                              | n.a.                     | 32                   | 19                                |
| 1937-38 ..              | n.a.                     | 167                    | 114                               | n.a.                     | 173                    | 48                                | n.a.                     | 174                 | n.a.                              | n.a.                     | 31                   | 18                                |
| 1938-39 ..              | 34                       | 171                    | 118                               | 22                       | 192                    | 63                                | 38                       | 145                 | n.a.                              | 20                       | 32                   | 16                                |
| 1948-49 ..              | 116                      | 610                    | (c) 721                           | 105                      | 564                    | 132                               | 145                      | 338                 | 70                                | 47                       | (d) 172              | (e) 266                           |
| 1949-50 ..              | 198                      | 827                    | 868                               | 217                      | 727                    | 188                               | 197                      | 499                 | 111                               | 87                       | 233                  | 378                               |
| 1950-51 ..              | 357                      | 1,106                  | 1,061                             | 216                      | 1,174                  | 215                               | 270                      | 1,027               | 274                               | 113                      | 322                  | 468                               |
| 1951-52 ..              | 228                      | 1,426                  | 1,107                             | 377                      | 1,386                  | 265                               | 379                      | 1,120               | 347                               | 84                       | 258                  | 494                               |
| 1952-53 ..              | 232                      | 1,376                  | 1,209                             | 226                      | 1,525                  | 336                               | 219                      | 1,157               | 320                               | 43                       | 282                  | 333                               |
| 1953-54 ..              | (f) 303                  | 1,299                  | 1,404                             | 320                      | 1,485                  | r392                              | 314                      | 1,749               | 548                               | 117                      | 380                  | 430                               |
| 1954-55 ..              | 489                      | 1,449                  | 1,545                             | 475                      | 2,170                  | r463                              | 570                      | 1,941               | 535                               | 162                      | (g) 422              | (g)r474                           |
| 1953-54—                |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| Dec. Qtr.               | 165                      | 1,262                  | 1,392                             | 298                      | 1,244                  | r322                              | 273                      | 1,539               | 489                               | 102                      | 261                  | 426                               |
| March ..                | 345                      | 1,285                  | 1,404                             | 343                      | 1,321                  | r383                              | 444                      | 1,647               | 473                               | 111                      | 406                  | 341                               |
| June ..                 | (f) 553                  | 1,199                  | 1,388                             | 375                      | 1,722                  | r441                              | 307                      | 2,239               | 743                               | 216                      | 339                  | 542                               |
| 1954-55—                |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| Sept. ..                | 541                      | 1,591                  | 1,385                             | 426                      | 2,084                  | r462                              | 399                      | 2,399               | 645                               | 110                      | (g) 573              | (g) 488                           |
| Dec. ..                 | 467                      | 1,322                  | 1,526                             | 715                      | 1,837                  | 395                               | 352                      | 1,918               | 537                               | 215                      | 393                  | 426                               |
| Mar. ..                 | 502                      | 1,614                  | 1,715                             | 179                      | 2,352                  | 465                               | 1,064                    | 1,583               | 388                               | 199                      | 393                  | 487                               |
| June ..                 | 447                      | 1,270                  | 1,554                             | 583                      | 2,408                  | 530                               | 464                      | 1,865               | 572                               | 124                      | 330                  | 496                               |
| 1955-56—                |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| Sept. ..                | 465                      | 1,528                  | 1,770                             | 1,532                    | 2,531                  | 496                               | 292                      | 1,959               | 440                               | 139                      | 441                  | 502                               |
| Dec. ..                 | 476                      | 1,887                  | 1,566                             | 704                      | 2,324                  | 1,300                             |                          | 1,616               | 410                               | 93                       | 420                  | 480                               |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| 1954-55—                |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| March ..                | 397                      | 1,519                  | 1,849                             | 257                      | 3,003                  | n.a.                              | 229                      | 1,548               | 524                               | 291                      | 372                  | 438                               |
| April ..                | 326                      | 1,089                  | 1,508                             | 373                      | 2,075                  | n.a.                              | 377                      | 1,583               | 541                               | 106                      | 345                  | 374                               |
| May ..                  | 436                      | 1,181                  | 1,276                             | 907                      | 2,108                  | n.a.                              | 618                      | 2,063               | 424                               | 34                       | 395                  | 655                               |
| June ..                 | 580                      | 1,540                  | 1,880                             | 467                      | 3,041                  | n.a.                              | 398                      | 1,947               | 751                               | 232                      | 252                  | 459                               |
| 1955-56—                |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| July ..                 | 406                      | 1,678                  | 1,470                             | 367                      | 1,755                  | n.a.                              | 369                      | 1,843               | 415                               | 148                      | 395                  | 463                               |
| August ..               | 453                      | 1,227                  | 1,525                             | 520                      | 2,880                  | n.a.                              | 366                      | 2,238               | 486                               | 43                       | 517                  | 510                               |
| September ..            | 534                      | 1,679                  | 2,316                             | h3,711                   | 2,958                  | n.a.                              | 142                      | 1,795               | 420                               | 227                      | 411                  | 533                               |
| October ..              | 583                      | 1,386                  | 1,589                             | 322                      | 2,870                  | n.a.                              | 372                      | 1,821               | 472                               | 92                       | 734                  | 638                               |
| November ..             | 568                      | 2,460                  | 1,648                             | 1,198                    | 2,595                  | n.a.                              | 326                      | 1,600               | 426                               | 7                        | 235                  | 488                               |
| December ..             | 276                      | 1,815                  | 1,462                             | 593                      | 1,507                  | n.a.                              |                          | 1,428               | 332                               | 181                      | 290                  | 314                               |
| January ..              |                          |                        |                                   | 1,391                    | 2,165                  | n.a.                              |                          | 908                 | 381                               | 8                        | 336                  | 424                               |

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.  
 (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) See C below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes the whole metropolitan area of Hobart. (e) See F below. (f) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected. (g) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas." For details See September, 1954, issue of this publication. (h) Includes four hospital buildings, £3,309,000.

## NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes local government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.



# VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)  
(£'000.)

| Period.                   | Commenced. |        |         | Completed. |        |         | Under Construction at end of period. |         |           |
|---------------------------|------------|--------|---------|------------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
|                           | Houses.    | Other. | Total.  | Houses.    | Other. | Total.  | Houses.(a)                           | Other.  | Total.(a) |
| <b>Quarterly Average.</b> |            |        |         |            |        |         |                                      |         |           |
| 1948-49 .. ..             | a22,277    | 6,940  | a29,217 | a18,331    | 3,932  | a22,263 | 86,832                               | 49,135  | 135,967   |
| 1949-50 .. ..             | a27,516    | 8,014  | a35,530 | a22,446    | 5,251  | a27,697 | 115,714                              | 61,119  | 176,833   |
| 1950-51 .. ..             | a40,478    | 14,615 | a55,093 | a31,222    | 6,258  | a37,480 | 162,481                              | 91,632  | 254,113   |
| 1951-52 .. ..             | 44,951     | 16,224 | 61,175  | 43,110     | 10,876 | 53,986  | 187,631                              | 125,534 | 313,165   |
| 1952-53 .. ..             | 39,358     | 13,909 | 53,267  | 47,514     | 18,169 | 65,683  | 167,584                              | 115,629 | 283,213   |
| 1953-54 .. ..             | 48,471     | 24,220 | 72,691  | 48,455     | 20,962 | 69,417  | 175,896                              | 133,478 | 309,374   |
| 1954-55(b) .. r           | 52,367     | 33,197 | 85,564  | 54,125     | 24,037 | 78,162  | 178,672                              | 156,151 | 334,823   |
| <b>Quarterly Total.</b>   |            |        |         |            |        |         |                                      |         |           |
| 1953-54—                  |            |        |         |            |        |         |                                      |         |           |
| Dec. Qtr. ..              | 46,817     | 18,942 | 65,759  | 53,584     | 20,043 | 73,627  | 168,113                              | 115,353 | 283,466   |
| March „ ..                | 48,338     | 25,053 | 73,391  | 43,544     | 20,830 | 64,374  | 173,784                              | 121,134 | 294,918   |
| June „ ..                 | 50,271     | 31,323 | 81,594  | 49,877     | 21,262 | 71,139  | 175,896                              | 133,478 | 309,374   |
| 1954-55—                  |            |        |         |            |        |         |                                      |         |           |
| Sept.(b) „ r              | 53,801     | 32,712 | 86,513  | 52,361     | 23,461 | 75,822  | 180,253                              | 143,860 | 324,113   |
| Dec. „ r                  | 51,850     | 26,282 | 78,132  | 57,097     | 23,784 | 80,881  | 177,282                              | 146,986 | 324,268   |
| March „ r                 | 50,072     | 37,327 | 87,399  | 49,407     | 22,435 | 71,842  | 179,678                              | 162,446 | 342,124   |
| June „ r                  | 53,751     | 36,470 | 90,221  | 57,636     | 26,469 | 84,105  | 177,477                              | 171,309 | 348,786   |
| 1955-56—                  |            |        |         |            |        |         |                                      |         |           |
| Sept. „ r                 | 56,433     | 44,004 | 100,437 | 54,437     | 29,865 | 84,302  | 181,724                              | 189,630 | 371,354   |
| Dec. „ ..                 | 52,110     | 39,034 | 91,144  | 58,101     | 34,978 | 93,079  | 178,253                              | 194,779 | 373,032   |

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) From September Quarter 1954, includes Northern Territory.

## VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)  
(£'000.)

| Period.                   | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Northern Territory. | Total.    |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |           |
| 1948-49 .. ..             | (a) 8,434        | 6,839     | 3,050       | 1,621            | 1,177              | 953       | 189                           | (b)                 | (a)22,263 |
| 1949-50 .. ..             | (a)10,230        | 8,671     | 3,488       | 2,268            | 1,338              | 1,336     | 366                           | (b)                 | (a)27,697 |
| 1950-51 .. ..             | (a)12,367        | 13,014    | 4,322       | 3,010            | 2,237              | 2,101     | 429                           | (b)                 | (a)37,480 |
| 1951-52 .. ..             | 19,052           | 17,154    | 6,335       | 4,531            | 3,606              | 2,628     | 680                           | (b)                 | 53,986    |
| 1952-53 .. ..             | 24,512           | 19,027    | 6,558       | 6,471            | 5,730              | 2,666     | 718                           | (b)                 | 65,682    |
| 1953-54 .. ..             | 25,386           | 21,188    | 6,478       | 6,527            | 6,446              | 2,423     | 970                           | (b)                 | 69,418    |
| 1954-55 .. ..             | 27,674           | 24,303    | 7,079       | 6,770            | 8,524              | 2,665     | 735                           | 413                 | r78,163   |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |           |
| 1953-54—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |           |
| Dec. Qtr. ..              | 26,550           | 22,926    | 6,732       | 6,584            | 7,274              | 2,223     | 1,338                         | (b)                 | 73,627    |
| March „ ..                | 23,292           | 19,636    | 5,666       | 6,569            | 5,621              | 2,741     | 849                           | (b)                 | 64,374    |
| June „ ..                 | 27,407           | 19,722    | 6,888       | 7,014            | 6,582              | 2,445     | 1,081                         | (b)                 | 71,139    |
| 1954-55—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |           |
| Sept. „ ..                | 27,119           | 23,503    | 5,933       | 7,420            | 7,951              | 2,641     | 833                           | 422                 | r75,822   |
| Dec. „ ..                 | 29,834           | 24,438    | 7,394       | 7,287            | 8,151              | 2,552     | 902                           | 323                 | r80,881   |
| March „ ..                | 24,403           | 22,918    | 6,620       | 5,935            | 8,334              | 2,730     | 373                           | 529                 | r71,842   |
| June „ ..                 | 29,338           | 26,357    | 8,371       | 6,439            | 9,660              | 2,726     | 835                           | 379                 | r84,105   |
| 1955-56—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |           |
| Sept. „ ..                | 30,397           | 24,279    | 7,413       | 7,528            | 9,546              | 3,469     | 1,220                         | 450                 | r84,302   |
| Dec. „ ..                 | 33,254           | 29,562    | 8,598       | 8,219            | 9,050              | 2,861     | 964                           | 571                 | 93,079    |

(a) Partly estimated. (b) Not available.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p. r., —, see page 1.

# NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

| Period.                   | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Northern Territory. | Total.    |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| COMMENCED.                |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |           |
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |           |
| 1948-49 .. ..             | (a)5,323         | 4,122     | 2,340       | 1,140            | 961                | 712       | 134                           | (b)                 | (a)14,732 |
| 1949-50 .. ..             | (a)5,514         | 4,911     | 2,502       | 1,527            | 1,258              | 916       | 97                            | (b)                 | (a)16,725 |
| 1950-51 .. ..             | (a)6,292         | 6,737     | 2,675       | 1,991            | 1,742              | 1,030     | 219                           | (b)                 | (a)20,686 |
| 1951-52 .. ..             | 6,091            | 5,877     | 2,999       | 2,128            | 1,932              | 896       | 78                            | (b)                 | 20,001    |
| 1952-53 .. ..             | 5,258            | 4,064     | 2,345       | 1,992            | 1,753              | 571       | 132                           | (b)                 | 16,115    |
| 1953-54 .. ..             | 7,099            | 5,229     | 2,128       | 1,698            | 1,902              | 666       | 89                            | (b)                 | 18,811    |
| 1954-55 .. ..             | 6,375            | 5,668     | 1,946       | 1,797            | 2,144              | 718       | 160                           | 62                  | r18,870   |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |                     |           |
| 1953-54—Dec. Qtr.         | 7,283            | 5,173     | 1,957       | 1,591            | 1,741              | 595       | 72                            | (b)                 | 18,412    |
| Mar. „                    | 7,197            | 5,234     | 2,225       | 1,499            | 1,909              | 663       | 92                            | (b)                 | 18,819    |
| June „                    | 7,127            | 5,214     | 2,114       | 1,795            | 1,974              | 724       | 119                           | (b)                 | 19,067    |
| 1954-55—Sept. „           | 6,889            | 6,025     | 2,097       | 1,653            | 2,466              | 706       | 88                            | 52                  | r19,976   |
| Dec. „                    | 6,440            | 5,609     | 1,982       | 1,745            | 2,283              | 710       | 139                           | 46                  | r18,954   |
| Mar. „                    | 5,918            | 5,447     | 1,770       | 1,799            | 1,791              | 796       | 202                           | 66                  | r17,789   |
| June „                    | 6,255            | 5,593     | 1,935       | 1,993            | 2,035              | 655       | 211                           | 85                  | r18,762   |
| 1955-56—Sept. „           | 6,849            | 5,529     | 1,950       | 2,348            | 1,919              | 586       | 222                           | 88                  | r19,491   |
| Dec. „                    | 6,281            | 5,230     | 1,790       | 2,121            | 1,715              | 648       | 115                           | 70                  | r17,970   |

## COMPLETED.

|                           |          |       |       |       |       |       |     |     |           |
|---------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |          |       |       |       |       |       |     |     |           |
| 1948-49 .. ..             | (a)4,466 | 3,570 | 2,338 | 997   | 811   | 572   | 81  | (b) | (a)12,835 |
| 1949-50 .. ..             | (a)4,692 | 3,902 | 2,362 | 1,226 | 877   | 713   | 101 | (b) | (a)13,873 |
| 1950-51 .. ..             | (a)4,943 | 5,290 | 2,569 | 1,680 | 1,290 | 979   | 144 | (b) | (a)16,895 |
| 1951-52 .. ..             | 5,837    | 5,988 | 2,951 | 1,928 | 1,644 | 1,000 | 146 | (b) | 19,494    |
| 1952-53 .. ..             | 6,222    | 5,258 | 2,650 | 2,235 | 1,991 | 829   | 147 | (b) | 19,332    |
| 1953-54 .. ..             | 6,628    | 5,345 | 2,240 | 1,881 | 1,907 | 658   | 138 | (b) | 18,797    |
| 1954-55 .. ..             | 7,221    | 5,890 | 1,981 | 1,831 | 2,198 | 620   | 99  | 50  | r19,890   |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |          |       |       |       |       |       |     |     |           |
| 1953-54—Dec. Qtr.         | 7,394    | 5,994 | 2,430 | 2,051 | 2,138 | 661   | 203 | (b) | 20,871    |
| Mar. „                    | 6,048    | 4,776 | 2,034 | 1,682 | 1,621 | 562   | 98  | (b) | 16,821    |
| June „                    | 7,153    | 4,989 | 2,231 | 1,816 | 1,975 | 799   | 127 | (b) | 19,090    |
| 1954-55—Sept. „           | 7,295    | 5,818 | 1,766 | 1,951 | 1,970 | 559   | 108 | 43  | r19,510   |
| Dec. „                    | 7,680    | 6,273 | 2,068 | 1,993 | 2,340 | 737   | 133 | 44  | r21,268   |
| Mar. „                    | 6,418    | 5,449 | 1,998 | 1,600 | 1,874 | 558   | 67  | 32  | r17,996   |
| June „                    | 7,489    | 6,020 | 2,093 | 1,779 | 2,608 | 626   | 90  | 80  | r20,785   |
| 1955-56—Sept. „           | 7,000    | 5,593 | 1,981 | 1,903 | 1,951 | 579   | 132 | 76  | r19,215   |
| Dec. „                    | 6,506    | 6,278 | 1,923 | 2,000 | 2,339 | 715   | 156 | 80  | r19,997   |

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.(c)

|                     |        |        |       |       |       |       |     |     |         |
|---------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|---------|
| 1948-49 .. ..       | 23,113 | 17,521 | 3,958 | 3,940 | 2,439 | 2,575 | 696 | (b) | 54,242  |
| 1949-50 .. ..       | 26,402 | 21,553 | 4,520 | 5,241 | 3,957 | 3,357 | 678 | (b) | 65,708  |
| 1950-51 .. ..       | 31,793 | 27,341 | 4,943 | 6,529 | 5,764 | 3,558 | 981 | (b) | 80,909  |
| 1951-52 .. ..       | 32,806 | 26,896 | 5,135 | 7,395 | 6,917 | 3,143 | 708 | (b) | 83,000  |
| 1952-53 .. ..       | 28,946 | 22,053 | 3,918 | 6,464 | 5,951 | 2,114 | 646 | (b) | 70,092  |
| 1953-54 .. ..       | 30,828 | 21,581 | 3,470 | 5,750 | 5,932 | 2,149 | 449 | (b) | 70,159  |
| 1954-55 .. ..       | 27,448 | 20,692 | 3,329 | 5,602 | 5,715 | 2,536 | 691 | 211 | r66,224 |
| 1953-54—Dec. Qtr. „ | 29,705 | 20,900 | 3,396 | 5,960 | 5,645 | 2,123 | 463 | (b) | 68,192  |
| Mar. „              | 30,854 | 21,358 | 3,587 | 5,778 | 5,933 | 2,224 | 457 | (b) | 70,191  |
| June „              | 30,828 | 21,581 | 3,470 | 5,750 | 5,932 | 2,149 | 449 | (b) | 70,159  |
| 1954-55—Sept. „     | 30,422 | 21,788 | 3,801 | 5,447 | 6,428 | 2,296 | 429 | 170 | r70,781 |
| Dec. „              | 29,182 | 21,124 | 3,715 | 5,198 | 6,371 | 2,269 | 435 | 172 | r68,466 |
| Mar. „              | 28,682 | 21,119 | 3,487 | 5,393 | 6,288 | 2,507 | 570 | 206 | r68,252 |
| June „              | 27,448 | 20,692 | 3,329 | 5,602 | 5,715 | 2,536 | 691 | 211 | r66,224 |
| 1955-56—Sept. „     | 27,297 | 20,628 | 3,298 | 6,047 | 5,676 | 2,543 | 781 | 223 | r66,493 |
| Dec. „              | 27,072 | 19,580 | 3,165 | 6,165 | 5,052 | 2,476 | 740 | 213 | r64,463 |

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) Not available.

(c) Partly estimated for New South Wales and total.

For meaning of symbols r, —, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

| Period.                 | Black Coal.   |            |            | Brown Coal. | Gold, (Mine Production). (a) | Heat, Light and Power. |                              | Metals.    |              |                    |                                             |                      |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|
|                         | Under-ground. | Open Cut.  | Total.     |             |                              | Gas made in Gas-works. | Total Electricity Generated. | Pig Iron.  | Ingot Steel. | Zinc, Refined. (b) | Lead, Refined and Lead in Lead Bullion. (b) | Copper, Refined. (b) |
|                         | '000 tons.    | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons.  | '000 fine oz.                | Million cubic feet.    | Million kWh.                 | '000 tons. | '000 tons.   | Tons.              | Tons.                                       | Tons.                |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              | (c)        | (c)          |                    |                                             |                      |
| 1936-37 ..              | n.a.          | n.a.       | 977        | 258         | 108.2                        | 1,679                  | 331                          | 76.1       | 90.0         | 5,840              | 17,562                                      | 1,280                |
| 1937-38 ..              | n.a.          | n.a.       | 990        | 300         | 123.3                        | 1,746                  | 363                          | 77.5       | 97.2         | 5,810              | 18,797                                      | 1,437                |
| 1938-39 ..              | n.a.          | n.a.       | 1,051      | 267         | 135.1                        | 1,789                  | 391                          | 92.1       | 97.5         | 5,819              | 19,416                                      | 1,457                |
| 1948-49 ..              | 1,056         | 181        | 1,237      | 586         | 74.9                         | 3,061                  | 754                          | 87.1       | 98.2         | 6,298              | 17,017                                      | 939                  |
| 1949-50 ..              | 1,038         | 205        | 1,243      | 636         | 71.6                         | 2,908                  | 792                          | 91.5       | 101.5        | 6,981              | 15,784                                      | 968                  |
| 1950-51 ..              | 1,127         | 241        | 1,368      | 608         | 74.3                         | 3,075                  | 875                          | 109.4      | 120.3        | 6,478              | 15,682                                      | 936                  |
| 1951-52 ..              | 1,243         | 355        | 1,598      | 675         | 75.7                         | 3,366                  | 941                          | 119.2      | 126.8        | 7,011              | 15,680                                      | 1,485                |
| 1952-53 ..              | 1,251         | 294        | 1,545      | 673         | 86.5                         | 3,439                  | 1,024                        | 141.0      | 150.1        | 7,181              | 16,030                                      | 1,595                |
| 1953-54 ..              | 1,362         | 257        | 1,619      | 728         | 92.6                         | 3,508                  | 1,142                        | 152.2      | 176.4        | 8,263              | 19,669                                      | 1,742                |
| 1954-55 p ..            | 1,393         | 220        | 1,613      | 806         | 90.0                         | 3,610                  | 1,275                        | 155.5      | 184.1        | 8,372              | 19,613                                      | 2,533                |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                    |                                             |                      |
| <b>1953-54—</b>         |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                    |                                             |                      |
| January ..              | 977           | 190        | 1,167      | 649         | 82.6                         | 3,034                  | 1,043                        | 158.1      | 177.7        | 8,546              | 22,189                                      | 2,865                |
| February ..             | 1,249         | 212        | 1,461      | 675         | 86.0                         | 2,894                  | 1,027                        | 134.9      | 149.5        | 7,883              | 18,332                                      | 2,340                |
| March ..                | 1,531         | 287        | 1,818      | 765         | 100.5                        | 3,312                  | 1,189                        | 143.6      | 176.0        | 8,921              | 17,973                                      | 1,956                |
| April ..                | 1,285         | 260        | 1,545      | 761         | 91.3                         | 3,275                  | 1,133                        | 142.9      | 174.5        | 8,677              | 17,883                                      | 3,006                |
| May ..                  | 1,448         | 273        | 1,721      | 817         | 93.9                         | 3,830                  | 1,255                        | 147.8      | 184.5        | 8,954              | 19,523                                      | 1,685                |
| June ..                 | 1,472         | 249        | 1,721      | 838         | 95.6                         | 4,018                  | 1,290                        | 145.6      | 176.0        | 8,650              | 19,763                                      | 1,782                |
| <b>1954-55 p—</b>       |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                    |                                             |                      |
| July ..                 | 1,500         | 262        | 1,762      | 842         | 98.2                         | 4,270                  | 1,359                        | 159.6      | 202.4        | 9,050              | 23,634                                      | 1,479                |
| August ..               | 1,461         | 286        | 1,747      | 808         | 90.5                         | 4,120                  | 1,321                        | 155.0      | 193.2        | 9,029              | 21,680                                      | 1,786                |
| September ..            | 1,563         | 269        | 1,832      | 833         | 97.2                         | 3,812                  | 1,255                        | 169.0      | 197.3        | 8,680              | 19,470                                      | 2,483                |
| October ..              | 1,500         | 228        | 1,728      | 819         | 88.7                         | 3,663                  | 1,243                        | 174.2      | 200.9        | 8,876              | 20,234                                      | 3,288                |
| November ..             | 1,533         | 249        | 1,782      | 826         | 95.6                         | 3,405                  | 1,212                        | 160.6      | 189.5        | 8,496              | 19,709                                      | 3,318                |
| December ..             | 1,255         | 224        | 1,479      | 698         | 97.6                         | 3,256                  | 1,189                        | 164.7      | 189.2        | 8,761              | 18,165                                      | 3,299                |
| January ..              | 734           | 172        | 906        | 711         | 78.3                         | 3,065                  | 1,162                        | 158.7      | 173.6        | 8,763              | 18,622                                      | 2,046                |
| <b>1955-56 p—</b>       |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                    |                                             |                      |
| February ..             | 1,413         | 153        | 1,566      | 730         | 76.2                         | 2,942                  | 1,163                        | 137.3      | 156.3        | 7,820              | 14,805                                      | 2,786                |
| March ..                | 1,480         | 161        | 1,641      | 828         | 92.7                         | 3,310                  | 1,315                        | 156.6      | 182.2        | 8,197              | 17,303                                      | 1,468                |
| April ..                | 1,295         | 190        | 1,485      | 817         | 77.9                         | 3,335                  | 1,243                        | 137.4      | 158.1        | 7,058              | 21,964                                      | 1,906                |
| May ..                  | 1,489         | 223        | 1,712      | 894         | 87.6                         | 3,974                  | 1,396                        | 146.7      | 190.0        | 7,573              | 21,829                                      | 2,539                |
| June ..                 | 1,485         | 227        | 1,712      | 861         | 99.7                         | 4,170                  | 1,441                        | 141.8      | 178.6        | 8,156              | 17,938                                      | 4,002                |
| <b>1955-56 p—</b>       |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                    |                                             |                      |
| July ..                 | 1,570         | 207        | 1,777      | 898         | 89.1                         | 4,480                  | 1,508                        | 157.7      | 195.8        | 8,742              | 17,697                                      | 4,419                |
| August ..               | 1,653         | 253        | 1,906      | 926         | 80.6                         | 4,276                  | 1,478                        | 145.3      | 197.7        | 8,942              | 21,218                                      | 3,657                |
| September ..            | 1,574         | 223        | 1,797      | 904         | 87.4                         | 3,825                  | 1,383                        | 136.7      | 189.1        | 8,753              | 20,722                                      | 2,826                |
| October ..              | 1,494         | 198        | 1,692      | 889         | 88.5                         | 3,697                  | 1,376                        | 147.7      | 190.2        | 8,971              | 20,057                                      | 2,331                |
| November ..             | 1,541         | 189        | 1,730      | 869         | 93.6                         | 3,498                  | 1,365                        | 162.1      | 192.2        | 8,820              | 17,310                                      | 2,334                |
| December ..             | 1,226         | 127        | 1,353      | 785         | 97.4                         | 3,344                  | 1,294                        | 166.1      | 192.7        | 8,985              | 15,433                                      | 1,988                |
| January ..              |               |            | 897        | 813         | 82.1                         | 3,295                  |                              | 169.3      | 197.5        | 8,685              | 20,991                                      |                      |

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia.

(b) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources and Australian Mines and Metals Association.

(c) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

| Period.                 | Building Materials. |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         | Cooking Stoves. |         |               | Domestic Refrigerators. |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|-------------------------|
|                         | Clay Bricks.        | Roofing Tiles. |         | Cement Building Sheets. | Sawn Native Timber. (a) | Portland Cement. | Fibrous Plaster Sheets. | Solid Fuel. (b) | Gas.(b) | Electric. (c) |                         |
|                         |                     | Terra-cotta.   | Cement. |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
|                         | Million.            | '000.          | '000.   | '000 sq. yds. (d)       | Million sup. ft.        | '000 tons.       | '000 sq. yds.           | No.             | No.     | No.           | No.                     |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| 1936-37 ..              | 53.1                | 2,630          | 326     | 522                     | 53.6                    | 60.0             | 567                     | n.a.            | n.a.    | n.a.          | n.a.                    |
| 1937-38 ..              | 57.4                | 3,023          | 430     | 678                     | 62.2                    | 71.0             | 619                     | 4,562           | 3,481   | 749           | 1,257                   |
| 1938-39 ..              | 60.0                | 3,307          | 374     | 791                     | 59.8                    | 72.3             | 634                     | 4,538           | 3,894   | 730           | 2,458                   |
| 1948-49 ..              | 51.4                | 3,680          | 2,358   | 1,547                   | 98.7                    | 86.0             | 1,103                   | 5,120           | 4,130   | 3,494         | 12,134                  |
| 1949-50 ..              | 50.3                | 3,785          | 3,387   | 1,529                   | 101.9                   | 97.3             | 1,105                   | 5,155           | 3,892   | 2,865         | 13,528                  |
| 1950-51 ..              | 57.4                | 3,918          | 4,230   | 1,771                   | 105.1                   | 102.9            | 1,265                   | 6,251           | 4,613   | 3,733         | 16,994                  |
| 1951-52 ..              | 60.0                | 4,072          | 5,540   | 1,944                   | 116.0                   | 103.1            | 1,373                   | 5,975           | 4,251   | 4,240         | 16,066                  |
| 1952-53 ..              | 55.6                | 4,831          | 3,338   | 2,022                   | 111.6                   | 119.9            | 1,285                   | 3,994           | 2,978   | 1,883         | 15,179                  |
| 1953-54 ..              | 66.8                | 5,315          | 3,721   | 2,174                   | 116.5                   | 141.7            | 1,349                   | 4,198           | 3,587   | 3,098         | 22,874                  |
| 1954-55 p ..            | r69.5               | 5,283          | r4,376  | 2,312                   | 118.5                   | 160.2            | r1,448                  | r4,209          | r4,904  | r3,933        | 23,274                  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| 1953-54—                |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| January ..              | 50.1                | 3,902          | 2,544   | 1,658                   | 90.5                    | 117.0            | 1,029                   | 2,572           | 2,387   | 2,367         | 25,141                  |
| February ..             | 61.5                | 5,019          | 3,393   | 2,181                   | 105.7                   | 120.2            | 1,339                   | 3,266           | 2,980   | 2,732         | 23,140                  |
| March ..                | 73.7                | 5,638          | 4,007   | 2,488                   | 114.6                   | 154.5            | 1,481                   | 4,005           | 3,902   | 3,943         | 21,794                  |
| April ..                | 66.0                | 5,161          | 3,522   | 1,906                   | 113.6                   | 144.0            | 1,366                   | 3,902           | 2,868   | 3,452         | 18,247                  |
| May ..                  | 70.2                | 5,699          | 3,915   | 2,480                   | 119.2                   | 171.7            | 1,461                   | 4,808           | 4,009   | 3,888         | 17,819                  |
| June ..                 | 73.9                | 5,804          | 4,149   | 2,408                   | 122.1                   | 168.3            | 1,482                   | 5,104           | 4,470   | 4,202         | 20,723                  |
| 1954-55 p—              |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| July ..                 | r73.1               | 5,328          | r4,368  | 2,655                   | 122.5                   | 171.0            | r1,502                  | r5,425          | r4,476  | r4,118        | 24,369                  |
| August ..               | r75.6               | 5,681          | r4,518  | 2,444                   | 117.3                   | 163.6            | r1,529                  | 4,943           | r5,112  | r3,602        | 26,147                  |
| September ..            | r75.9               | 5,877          | r4,736  | 2,547                   | 129.3                   | 162.5            | r1,536                  | 5,252           | r5,620  | r3,816        | 32,618                  |
| October ..              | r72.9               | 5,532          | r4,420  | 2,621                   | 126.0                   | 169.1            | r1,504                  | 4,609           | r5,457  | 3,735         | 33,145                  |
| November ..             | r75.4               | 5,578          | r4,924  | 2,336                   | 131.1                   | 171.9            | r1,563                  | r4,601          | r5,357  | 3,719         | 34,368                  |
| December ..             | r60.9               | 4,785          | r4,114  | 2,089                   | 120.6                   | 153.3            | r1,248                  | 3,525           | r4,595  | 3,841         | 30,959                  |
| January ..              | r49.5               | 3,717          | r3,260  | 1,611                   | 90.2                    | 142.5            | r1,068                  | 2,465           | r2,976  | 2,532         | 19,827                  |
| February ..             | r67.3               | 5,450          | r4,295  | 2,370                   | 112.6                   | 136.9            | r1,473                  | 3,739           | r4,645  | 4,217         | 22,170                  |
| March ..                | r73.7               | 5,449          | r4,892  | 2,341                   | 119.9                   | 160.8            | r1,586                  | 3,961           | 5,352   | 4,751         | 18,394                  |
| April ..                | r64.5               | 5,120          | r4,108  | 2,145                   | 98.8                    | 152.3            | r1,380                  | 3,516           | 4,643   | 4,053         | 10,290                  |
| May ..                  | r74.0               | 5,505          | r4,424  | 2,210                   | 122.9                   | 169.8            | r1,517                  | 4,199           | 5,400   | 4,485         | 13,207                  |
| June ..                 | r71.5               | 5,370          | r4,453  | 2,379                   | 131.5                   | 168.3            | r1,469                  | 4,279           | 5,215   | 4,329         | 13,794                  |
| 1955-56 p—              |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  | (e)                     |                 |         |               |                         |
| July ..                 | 72.5                | 4,141          | 4,640   | 2,813                   | 126.7                   | 164.5            | 1,489                   | 4,447           | 6,413   | 4,828         | 12,647                  |
| August ..               | 79.1                | 6,163          | 4,897   | 2,321                   | 132.4                   | 170.3            | 1,678                   | 5,224           | 7,662   | 4,589         | 19,778                  |
| September ..            | 76.4                | 5,794          | 3,935   | 2,257                   | 139.6                   | 173.0            | 1,528                   | r5,076          | 6,283   | 3,851         | 26,120                  |
| October ..              | 75.2                | 6,224          | 4,795   | 2,621                   | 127.4                   | 175.3            | 1,528                   | 3,891           | 5,542   | 3,544         | 32,377                  |
| November ..             | 77.8                | 6,151          | 4,972   | 2,484                   |                         | 190.9            | 1,618                   | 4,051           | 5,370   | 4,302         | 34,814                  |
| December ..             | 60.4                | r4,580         | 3,936   | r1,895                  |                         | 155.4            | 1,184                   | 2,878           | 3,452   | 3,121         | r27,669                 |
| January ..              |                     | 3,837          | 3,838   | 1,341                   |                         | 135.4            | 1,051                   | 2,479           | 2,982   | 2,842         | 19,928                  |

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) From July, 1955,

represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

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# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

| Period.                 | Cotton Textiles. |                                                     |                     | Wool Textiles.               |             |                  | Boots and Shoes (not Rubber). |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
|                         | Cotton Yarn.     | Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling). | Pure Rayon Fabrics. | Scoured and Carbonized Wool. | Yarn.       | Woven Cloth.     |                               |
|                         | '000 lb.         | '000 sq. yds.                                       | '000 sq. yds.       | Million lb.                  | Million lb. | Million sq. yds. | '000 pairs.                   |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                  |                                                     |                     |                              |             |                  |                               |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 730              | n.a.                                                | n.a.                | 8.4                          | 2.14        | 2.04             | 1,208                         |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 965              | n.a.                                                | n.a.                | 7.9                          | 2.51        | 2.47             | 1,176                         |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 974              | n.a.                                                | n.a.                | 8.8                          | 2.71        | 2.65             | 1,164                         |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 2,290            | 2,133                                               | 475.5               | 13.5                         | 4.24        | 3.40             | 1,287                         |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 2,519            | 2,398                                               | 548.5               | 14.4                         | 4.09        | 3.11             | 1,284                         |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 2,938            | 2,537                                               | 905.0               | 12.7                         | 3.87        | 3.13             | 1,409                         |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 2,872            | 2,617                                               | 905.4               | 10.1                         | 3.04        | 2.44             | 1,400                         |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 2,302            | 2,052                                               | 1,289.3             | 10.3                         | 2.97        | 2.38             | 1,354                         |
| 1953-54 .. ..           | 3,175            | 2,802                                               | 1,702.6             | 11.6                         | 3.76        | 2.72             | 1,506                         |
| 1954-55 p .. ..         | 3,431            | 2,806                                               | 1,364.1             | 11.3                         | 3.55        | 2.37             | r1,443                        |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |                                                     |                     |                              |             |                  |                               |
| 1953-54—                |                  |                                                     |                     |                              |             |                  |                               |
| January .. ..           | 2,224            | 1,868                                               | 1,345.2             | 8.6                          | 2.42        | 2.02             | 956                           |
| February .. ..          | 3,084            | 2,535                                               | 1,722.4             | 10.1                         | 3.69        | 2.75             | 1,360                         |
| March .. ..             | 3,982            | 3,438                                               | 1,764.2             | 13.0                         | 4.20        | 3.22             | 1,609                         |
| April .. ..             | 3,013            | 2,878                                               | 1,706.1             | 11.4                         | 3.79        | 2.48             | 1,463                         |
| May .. ..               | 3,583            | 3,339                                               | 1,529.6             | 12.3                         | 4.06        | 2.68             | 1,573                         |
| June .. ..              | 4,002            | 3,497                                               | 1,786.5             | 13.0                         | 4.55        | 2.65             | 1,633                         |
| 1954-55 p—              |                  |                                                     |                     |                              |             |                  |                               |
| July .. ..              | 3,811            | 3,094                                               | 1,764.2             | 11.8                         | 3.73        | 2.36             | r1,511                        |
| August .. ..            | 3,628            | 2,954                                               | 1,480.6             | 11.6                         | 3.77        | 2.55             | r1,572                        |
| September .. ..         | 3,878            | 3,101                                               | 1,302.7             | 10.5                         | 3.95        | 2.72             | r1,574                        |
| October .. ..           | 3,462            | 2,931                                               | 1,306.9             | 11.4                         | 3.75        | 2.52             | r1,497                        |
| November .. ..          | 3,618            | 3,016                                               | 1,354.1             | 12.2                         | 3.87        | 2.72             | r1,567                        |
| December .. ..          | 3,045            | 2,402                                               | 1,108.5             | 10.0                         | 2.92        | 2.06             | r1,263                        |
| January .. ..           | 2,406            | 1,989                                               | 799.9               | 8.5                          | 2.39        | 1.77             | 836                           |
| February .. ..          | 3,398            | 2,636                                               | 1,271.4             | 10.6                         | 3.42        | 2.45             | r1,391                        |
| March .. ..             | 3,901            | 3,007                                               | 1,405.9             | 12.6                         | 3.95        | 2.57             | r1,591                        |
| April .. ..             | 2,880            | 2,460                                               | 1,348.4             | 10.4                         | 3.54        | 2.00             | r1,329                        |
| May .. ..               | 3,446            | 2,993                                               | 1,698.4             | 12.4                         | 3.69        | 2.31             | r1,579                        |
| June .. ..              | 3,699            | 3,091                                               | 1,528.5             | 13.4                         | 3.99        | 2.34             | r1,609                        |
| 1955-56 p—              |                  |                                                     |                     |                              |             |                  |                               |
| July .. ..              | 3,410            | 2,981                                               | 1,265.8             | r12.2                        | 3.45        | 2.06             | r1,407                        |
| August .. ..            | 3,818            | 3,233                                               | 1,303.9             | 11.6                         | 3.86        | 2.48             | r1,689                        |
| September .. ..         | 3,570            | 3,131                                               | 1,155.5             | r9.9                         | 3.75        | 2.47             | r1,560                        |
| October .. ..           | 3,439            | 3,076                                               | 1,161.3             | 11.6                         | 3.56        | 2.24             | r1,478                        |
| November .. ..          | 3,525            | 3,120                                               | 1,348.1             | 13.0                         | r4.00       | 2.49             | 1,562                         |
| December .. ..          | 2,520            | 2,294                                               | r1,030.9            | 11.1                         | 2.83        | 1.67             | 1,132                         |
| January .. ..           | 2,413            | 2,474                                               | 1,005.3             | 9.9                          | 2.39        | 1.80             | 929                           |

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# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

| Period.                 | Hosiery.            |                                   |                             | Underwear.(b)                      |                                      | Shirts,<br>Men's<br>and<br>Boys'. |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                         | Men's and<br>Boys'. | Women's,<br>Maids' and<br>Girls'. | Infants' and<br>Babies'.(a) | Men's,<br>Youths'<br>and<br>Boys'. | Women's,<br>Maids'<br>and<br>Girls'. |                                   |
|                         | '000 doz.<br>pairs. | '000 doz.<br>pairs.               | '000 doz.<br>pairs.         | '000 doz.                          | '000 doz.                            | '000 doz.                         |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                     |                                   |                             |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 83.1                | 157.1                             | 49.1                        | 191.8                              |                                      | (c) 60.6                          |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 86.7                | 183.7                             | 52.0                        | 227.6                              |                                      | (c) 69.9                          |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 91.9                | 178.0                             | 51.0                        | 229.2                              |                                      | (c) 56.2                          |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 106.3               | 128.0                             | 58.8                        | 264.0                              |                                      | (c) 71.3                          |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 99.3                | 142.4                             | 54.7                        | 294.2                              |                                      | (c) 73.7                          |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 128.0               | 154.8                             | 46.9                        | 107.7                              | 201.9                                | 89.5                              |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 121.8               | 155.6                             | 38.9                        | 105.6                              | 196.6                                | 96.5                              |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 131.2               | 194.8                             | 35.5                        | 92.9                               | 175.2                                | 71.5                              |
| 1953-54 .. ..           | 157.9               | 232.8                             | 47.5                        | 120.8                              | 224.4                                | 103.3                             |
| 1954-55 p .. ..         | r140.4              | 254.6                             | 35.1                        | 117.9                              | 227.3                                | 118.1                             |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                     |                                   |                             |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| 1953-54—                |                     |                                   |                             |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| January .. ..           | 104.6               | 151.0                             | 28.5                        | 76.6                               | 141.8                                | 55.1                              |
| February .. ..          | 143.2               | 213.9                             | 43.3                        | 110.7                              | 202.2                                | 82.3                              |
| March .. ..             | 179.0               | 271.8                             | 55.0                        | 136.5                              | 260.2                                | 107.0                             |
| April .. ..             | 139.9               | 235.6                             | 45.7                        | 119.2                              | 209.4                                | 92.7                              |
| May.. ..                | 149.0               | 257.5                             | 50.9                        | 129.3                              | 224.3                                | 102.9                             |
| June.. ..               | 160.3               | 263.2                             | 51.0                        | 125.7                              | 239.0                                | 112.2                             |
| 1954-55 p—              |                     |                                   |                             |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| July .. ..              | r151.2              | 275.7                             | 48.7                        | 124.9                              | 256.3                                | 133.5                             |
| August .. ..            | r157.6              | 269.3                             | 49.6                        | 121.3                              | 244.8                                | 146.8                             |
| September .. ..         | r164.4              | 291.2                             | 35.8                        | 136.0                              | 277.3                                | 163.9                             |
| October .. ..           | r157.1              | 265.3                             | 43.4                        | 109.4                              | 240.4                                | 159.0                             |
| November .. ..          | r164.8              | 282.8                             | 32.9                        | 131.2                              | 257.3                                | 164.4                             |
| December .. ..          | r136.8              | 226.7                             | 28.6                        | 113.2                              | 223.9                                | 116.3                             |
| January .. ..           | r 89.4              | 160.3                             | 16.3                        | 74.9                               | 141.8                                | 52.6                              |
| February .. ..          | r126.9              | 242.0                             | 38.8                        | 116.0                              | 218.8                                | 89.1                              |
| March .. ..             | r155.9              | 268.9                             | 43.1                        | 133.3                              | 236.0                                | 102.3                             |
| April .. ..             | r109.3              | 243.3                             | 26.0                        | 107.4                              | 185.5                                | 77.2                              |
| May .. ..               | r128.9              | 268.0                             | 29.3                        | 124.5                              | 227.5                                | 98.8                              |
| June.. ..               | r142.3              | 258.9                             | 28.7                        | 123.6                              | 217.4                                | 112.5                             |
| 1955-56 p—              |                     |                                   |                             |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| July .. ..              | 131.9               | 240.8                             | 24.3                        | 126.2                              | 222.5                                | 123.4                             |
| August .. ..            | 144.8               | 255.5                             | 29.1                        | 152.7                              | 239.5                                | 148.7                             |
| September .. ..         | 130.5               | 272.2                             | 26.3                        | 134.6                              | 232.8                                | 141.5                             |
| October .. ..           | 133.6               | 259.1                             | 27.7                        | 139.2                              | 248.5                                | 132.7                             |
| November .. ..          | 153.3               | 291.8                             | 29.0                        | 157.3                              | 278.2                                | 140.7                             |
| December .. ..          | 105.5               | 210.6                             | 20.2                        | 102.2                              | 196.0                                | 105.1                             |
| January .. ..           | 88.3                | 153.3                             | 16.6                        | 77.8                               | 145.8                                | 44.8                              |

(a) Collected as children's prior to 1951-52.

(b) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric.

(c) Excludes knitted.

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# PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

| Period                  | Wheaten Flour.   | Refined Sugar. | Whole Milk for All Purposes. | Dairy Products (Factory Production). |         |                                     | Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a) |            |            |                          |            | Beer.      |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|
|                         |                  |                |                              | Butter.                              | Cheese. | Processed Full Cream Milk Products. | Beef (including Veal).    | Mutton.    | Lamb.      | Total Pigeats (as Pork). | Total. (b) |            |
|                         | '000 short tons. | '000 tons.     | Million gals.                | Tons.                                | Tons.   | '000 gals.(c)                       | '000 tons.                | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons.               | '000 tons. | '000 gals. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |                          |            |            |
| 1936-37                 | 102.4            | 27.0           | 89.9                         | 13,908                               | 1,636   | n.a.                                | 45.9                      | 16.0       | 10.0       | 7.7                      | 79.6       | 6,261      |
| 1937-38                 | 104.2            | 28.9           | 96.4                         | 15,242                               | 2,018   | n.a.                                | 49.7                      | 17.2       | 9.9        | 7.2                      | 84.0       | 7,084      |
| 1938-39                 | 114.4            | 28.2           | 99.2                         | 16,232                               | 2,415   | 2,781                               | 46.6                      | 17.1       | 9.6        | 7.2                      | 80.5       | 7,523      |
| 1948-49                 | 139.9            | 35.7           | 100.7                        | 13,424                               | 3,596   | 7,304                               | 48.1                      | 15.1       | 11.6       | 7.8                      | 82.6       | 12,171     |
| 1949-50                 | 125.8            | 35.2           | 103.2                        | 14,037                               | 3,731   | 7,464                               | 50.5                      | 17.2       | 12.7       | 7.5                      | 87.9       | 13,009     |
| 1950-51                 | 141.3            | 37.6           | 99.8                         | 13,303                               | 3,692   | 7,069                               | 54.3                      | 13.5       | 9.4        | 7.1                      | 84.3       | 14,397     |
| 1951-52                 | 143.4            | 41.1           | 87.3                         | 10,931                               | 3,382   | 6,360                               | 48.5                      | 14.7       | 8.9        | 7.1                      | 79.2       | 15,398     |
| 1952-53                 | 143.9            | 36.7           | 101.3                        | 13,632                               | 3,883   | 6,951                               | 56.2                      | 20.8       | 12.2       | 6.9                      | 96.1       | 16,446     |
| 1953-54                 | 134.1            | 37.4           | 99.1                         | 13,010                               | 4,087   | 6,314                               | 58.7                      | 19.8       | 10.6       | 7.0                      | 96.1       | 17,380     |
| 1954-55p                | 128.2            | 39.9           | 109.8                        | 15,683                               | 3,758   | 5,065                               | 59.5                      | 19.4       | 12.2       | 8.1                      | 99.2       | 19,066     |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |                          |            |            |
| 1953-54—                |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |                          |            |            |
| Jan. ..                 | 122.1            | 43.1           | 121.2                        | 17,038                               | 5,075   | 7,797                               | 46.9                      | 22.8       | 11.2       | 5.7                      | 86.6       | 19,492     |
| Feb. ..                 | 108.7            | 36.5           | 108.0                        | 15,410                               | 3,603   | 5,731                               | 46.8                      | 22.5       | 8.1        | 5.5                      | 82.9       | 16,301     |
| Mar. ..                 | 125.3            | 45.0           | 108.0                        | 15,465                               | 3,084   | 5,347                               | 57.6                      | 21.4       | 9.1        | 7.5                      | 95.6       | 20,220     |
| April ..                | 116.3            | 37.5           | 78.4                         | 9,933                                | 1,901   | 4,260                               | 54.4                      | 18.5       | 8.4        | 7.0                      | 88.3       | 17,822     |
| May ..                  | 147.4            | 39.0           | 66.2                         | 7,646                                | 1,661   | 3,041                               | 68.4                      | 18.0       | 8.3        | 6.9                      | 101.6      | 16,382     |
| June ..                 | 130.5            | 33.9           | 59.2                         | 6,291                                | 1,719   | 2,464                               | 75.6                      | 18.4       | 9.1        | 7.2                      | 110.3      | 14,825     |
| 1954-55p—               |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |                          |            |            |
| July ..                 | 124.7            | 37.1           | 64.4                         | 6,923                                | 2,426   | 3,169                               | 75.2                      | 16.3       | 9.0        | 7.8                      | 108.3      | 15,076     |
| Aug. ..                 | 121.3            | 42.9           | 87.1                         | 10,913                               | 3,748   | 4,592                               | 63.4                      | 16.6       | 10.9       | 7.6                      | 98.5       | 16,536     |
| Sept. ..                | 112.2            | 42.5           | 117.2                        | 16,304                               | 5,411   | 6,585                               | 61.2                      | 18.5       | 15.6       | 7.8                      | 103.1      | 19,074     |
| Oct. ..                 | 113.6            | 44.6           | 147.5                        | 21,842                               | 6,643   | 7,986                               | 59.3                      | 20.9       | 22.9       | 7.2                      | 110.3      | 20,313     |
| Nov. ..                 | 120.9            | 43.6           | 162.4                        | 25,038                               | 6,645   | 8,288                               | 57.4                      | 21.5       | 19.1       | 9.2                      | 107.2      | 20,787     |
| Dec. ..                 | 136.4            | 43.7           | 159.1                        | 24,739                               | 5,897   | 7,682                               | 56.4                      | 21.3       | 15.6       | 11.0                     | 104.3      | 22,139     |
| Jan. ..                 | 131.4            | 40.0           | 130.5                        | 19,700                               | 4,087   | 6,209                               | 46.0                      | 21.3       | 9.7        | 6.9                      | 83.9       | 20,657     |
| Feb. ..                 | 134.6            | 36.8           | 110.9                        | 16,612                               | 2,724   | 4,638                               | 49.1                      | 21.1       | 8.9        | 7.4                      | 86.5       | 20,383     |
| Mar. ..                 | 151.4            | 37.7           | 111.3                        | 16,672                               | 2,451   | 4,017                               | 58.0                      | 21.5       | 9.2        | 8.4                      | 97.1       | 21,541     |
| Apr. ..                 | 128.6            | 33.5           | 88.2                         | 12,368                               | 1,813   | 2,835                               | 52.7                      | 17.7       | 8.4        | 8.0                      | 86.8       | 18,816     |
| May ..                  | 142.6            | 40.4           | 73.9                         | 9,445                                | 1,586   | 2,451                               | 62.1                      | 18.1       | 8.6        | 8.2                      | 97.0       | 17,216     |
| June ..                 | 120.8            | 36.2           | 65.2                         | 7,636                                | 1,661   | 2,324                               | 73.5                      | 18.3       | 8.7        | 7.9                      | 108.4      | 16,257     |
| 1955-56p—               |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |                          |            |            |
| July ..                 | 125.2            | 37.5           | 71.8                         | 8,479                                | 2,174   | 3,252                               | 68.0                      | 16.1       | 7.7        | 6.7                      | 98.5       | 16,038     |
| Aug. ..                 | 119.4            | 40.9           | 98.1                         | 13,280                               | 3,166   | 5,253                               | 70.3                      | 17.1       | 8.7        | 7.7                      | 103.8      | 18,289     |
| Sept. ..                | 114.4            | 42.9           | 125.2                        | 18,203                               | 4,380   | 7,339                               | 71.1                      | 19.3       | 13.6       | 7.5                      | 111.5      | 20,164     |
| Oct. ..                 | 129.7            | 44.9           | 158.1                        | 24,318                               | 5,363   | 8,958                               | 67.5                      | 21.1       | 22.6       | 7.3                      | 118.5      | 21,947     |
| Nov. ..                 | 138.8            | 44.3           | 166.8                        | 26,173                               | 5,253   | 9,578                               | 67.0                      | 22.9       | 21.5       | 9.2                      | 120.6      | 23,259     |
| Dec. ..                 | 135.6            | 40.3           | 160.2                        | 25,284                               | 4,568   | 8,664                               | 60.5                      | 23.4       | 17.3       | 10.8                     | 112.0      | 23,958     |
| Jan. ..                 | 119.9            | 42.4           | 151.1                        | 23,925                               | 3,684   | 7,805                               | 50.0                      | 21.7       | 10.2       | 6.6                      | 88.5       | 20,498     |

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(b) In terms of fresh meat.

(c) Whole milk equivalent

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

| Period.                 | Tobacco,<br>Cigars and<br>Cigarettes.<br>(a) | Chemicals and Allied Products. |                      |                           |                                   |                                          | Motor Bodies.            |                              |            | Pneumatic<br>Tyres—<br>Motor<br>Cycle,<br>Car,<br>Truck,<br>Aero, &c. |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                         |                                              | Sulphuric<br>Acid<br>(100%).   | Super-<br>phosphate. | Paints.                   |                                   |                                          | Sedans<br>and<br>Coupes. | Tourers<br>and<br>Roadsters. | Utilities. |                                                                       |
|                         |                                              |                                |                      | Ready-<br>Mixed<br>Paint. | Lacquers,<br>Nitro-<br>Cellulose. | Enamels,<br>Natural<br>and<br>Synthetic. |                          |                              |            |                                                                       |
|                         | '000 lb.                                     | '000<br>tons.                  | '000<br>tons.        | '000<br>gals.             | '000<br>gals.                     | '000<br>gals.                            | No.                      | No.                          | No.        | '000.                                                                 |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                              |                                |                      |                           |                                   |                                          |                          |                              |            |                                                                       |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 1,805                                        | 36.4                           | 90.9                 | 161                       | n.a.                              | n.a.                                     | 3,660                    | 478                          | 610        | n.a.                                                                  |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 1,904                                        | 41.3                           | 102.8                | 170                       | 60                                | 39                                       | 4,032                    | 804                          | 518        | n.a.                                                                  |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 1,939                                        | 40.8                           | 100.0                | 176                       | 48                                | 48                                       | 3,426                    | 816                          | 715        | n.a.                                                                  |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 2,427                                        | 48.8                           | 118.6                | 308                       | 69                                | 143                                      | 2,131                    | 487                          | 799        | 143                                                                   |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 2,558                                        | 51.0                           | 123.6                | 330                       | 78                                | 186                                      | 2,347                    | 333                          | 1,174      | 164                                                                   |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 2,652                                        | 53.3                           | 129.0                | 466                       | 96                                | 157                                      | 3,036                    | 387                          | 1,853      | 187                                                                   |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 2,795                                        | 54.2                           | 133.1                | 459                       | 99                                | 174                                      | 3,486                    | 390                          | 1,865      | 213                                                                   |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 3,029                                        | 52.3                           | 137.1                | 358                       | 84                                | 176                                      | 4,173                    |                              | 1,749      | 141                                                                   |
| 1953-54 .. ..           | 3,487                                        | 61.0                           | 147.6                | 432                       | 109                               | 225                                      | 5,514                    |                              | 2,086      | 241                                                                   |
| 1954-55 p ..            | 3,652                                        | 68.9                           | 163.7                | 521                       | 123                               | 302                                      | 6,002                    |                              | 2,238      | 291                                                                   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                              |                                |                      |                           |                                   |                                          |                          |                              |            |                                                                       |
| 1953-54—                |                                              |                                |                      |                           |                                   |                                          |                          |                              |            |                                                                       |
| January .. ..           | 3,073                                        | 60.4                           | 145.5                | 342                       | 83                                | 172                                      | 3,570                    |                              | 1,253      | 160                                                                   |
| February .. ..          | 3,406                                        | 59.5                           | 145.3                | 422                       | 101                               | 200                                      | 5,096                    |                              | 1,654      | 221                                                                   |
| March .. ..             | 4,167                                        | 70.0                           | 178.9                | 470                       | 124                               | 241                                      | 6,574                    |                              | 2,034      | 292                                                                   |
| April .. ..             | 2,867                                        | 63.8                           | 146.8                | 452                       | 112                               | 214                                      | 5,609                    |                              | 1,922      | 247                                                                   |
| May .. ..               | 3,834                                        | 65.1                           | 161.3                | 470                       | 122                               | 235                                      | 6,383                    |                              | 2,153      | 276                                                                   |
| June .. ..              | 3,396                                        | 72.7                           | 175.7                | 453                       | 114                               | 235                                      | 6,784                    |                              | 2,541      | 274                                                                   |
| 1954-55 p—              |                                              |                                |                      |                           |                                   |                                          |                          |                              |            |                                                                       |
| July .. ..              | 3,402                                        | 65.2                           | 150.0                | 453                       | 125                               | 288                                      | 6,703                    |                              | 2,600      | 303                                                                   |
| August .. ..            | 3,318                                        | 64.4                           | 143.2                | 442                       | 127                               | 308                                      | 6,492                    |                              | 2,646      | 288                                                                   |
| September ..            | 3,467                                        | 62.1                           | 155.7                | 486                       | 126                               | 350                                      | 6,541                    |                              | 2,630      | 315                                                                   |
| October .. ..           | 3,713                                        | 59.6                           | 127.3                | 514                       | 125                               | 330                                      | 5,592                    |                              | 2,417      | 293                                                                   |
| November ..             | 4,079                                        | 62.7                           | 141.2                | 561                       | 140                               | 324                                      | 5,886                    |                              | 2,414      | 312                                                                   |
| December ..             | 3,831                                        | 70.3                           | 160.3                | 482                       | 103                               | 285                                      | 4,888                    |                              | 2,225      | 228                                                                   |
| January .. ..           | 3,075                                        | 69.4                           | 179.6                | 532                       | 90                                | 218                                      | 3,184                    |                              | 1,165      | 199                                                                   |
| February .. ..          | 3,826                                        | 64.9                           | 154.7                | 548                       | 124                               | 271                                      | 5,931                    |                              | 2,072      | 289                                                                   |
| March .. ..             | 3,958                                        | 79.8                           | 203.2                | 617                       | 139                               | 333                                      | 7,135                    |                              | 2,476      | 326                                                                   |
| April .. ..             | 3,392                                        | 74.7                           | 172.5                | 532                       | 114                               | 276                                      | 5,710                    |                              | 1,903      | 279                                                                   |
| May .. ..               | 4,055                                        | 76.5                           | 177.9                | 587                       | 137                               | 312                                      | 6,799                    |                              | 2,314      | 328                                                                   |
| June .. ..              | 3,713                                        | 77.4                           | 195.1                | 500                       | 129                               | 330                                      | 7,157                    |                              | 2,004      | 326                                                                   |
| 1955-56 p—              |                                              |                                |                      |                           |                                   |                                          |                          |                              |            |                                                                       |
| July .. ..              | 3,692                                        | 65.1                           | 146.3                | 470                       | 112                               | 288                                      | 7,065                    |                              | 2,030      | 320                                                                   |
| August .. ..            | 3,992                                        | 64.5                           | 149.6                | 557                       | 137                               | 365                                      | 7,626                    |                              | 2,358      | 350                                                                   |
| September ..            | 3,795                                        | 78.7                           | 181.9                | 592                       | 131                               | 385                                      | 7,217                    |                              | 2,368      | 336                                                                   |
| October .. ..           | 3,748                                        | 75.7                           | 168.9                | 571                       | 134                               | 412                                      | 6,816                    |                              | 2,195      | 309                                                                   |
| November ..             | 4,090                                        | 80.1                           | 198.3                | 642                       | 140                               | 396                                      | 7,439                    |                              | 2,458      | 332                                                                   |
| December ..             | 3,752                                        | 80.4                           | 179.1                | 532                       | 108                               | 333                                      | 6,151                    |                              | 1,860      | 245                                                                   |
| January .. ..           | 3,474                                        | 76.1                           | 189.2                | 422                       | 93                                | 273                                      | 4,163                    |                              | 962        | 204                                                                   |

(a) Details for 1952-53 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production; 1953-54 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid.

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# INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : 1953 = 100.)

| Period.      | Belgium.<br>(a) | Canada.<br>(b) | Denmark.<br>(b) | France.<br>(b) | Italy. | Japan. | Nether-<br>lands | Norway.<br>(b) | Sweden.<br>(b) | United<br>King-<br>dom.<br>(c) | U.S.A.<br>(b) (d) |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|--------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1948 ..      | 88              | 79             | 82              | 79             | 62     | 38     | 70               | 70             | 90             | 83                             | 78                |
| 1949 ..      | 88              | 80             | 88              | 87             | 68     | 48     | 78               | 77             | 94             | 88                             | 72                |
| 1950 ..      | 90              | 85             | 98              | 87             | 79     | 55     | 88               | 87             | 97             | 94                             | 84                |
| 1951 ..      | 103             | 91             | 100             | 99             | 90     | 74     | 91               | 94             | 101            | 97                             | 90                |
| 1952 ..      | 100             | 94             | 96              | 103            | 91     | 82     | 91               | 95             | 100            | 94                             | 93                |
| 1953 ..      | 100             | 100            | 100             | 100            | 100    | 100    | 100              | 100            | 100            | 100                            | 100               |
| 1954 ..      | 108             | 98             | 109             | 109            | 109    | 108    | 111              | 106            | 104            | 107                            | 93                |
| 1953—        |                 |                |                 |                |        |        |                  |                |                |                                |                   |
| December ..  | 104             | 94             | 99              | 108            | 108    | 111    | 103              | 99             | 109            | 100                            | 92                |
| 1954—        |                 |                |                 |                |        |        |                  |                |                |                                |                   |
| January ..   | 104             | 92             | 98              | 106            | 103    | 101    | 98               | 104            | 105            | 106                            | 92                |
| February ..  | 104             | 96             | 106             | 106            | 101    | 102    | 97               | 125            | 105            | 108                            | 94                |
| March ..     | 104             | 95             | 108             | 108            | 112    | 111    | 112              | 113            | 107            | 109                            | 94                |
| April ..     | 109             | 97             | 108             | 111            | 111    | 108    | 108              | 99             | 110            | 103                            | 92                |
| May ..       | 109             | 98             | 110             | 114            | 110    | 105    | 110              | 103            | 110            | 110                            | 92                |
| June ..      | 109             | 102            | 111             | 112            | 104    | 105    | 114              | 108            | 111            | 106                            | 92                |
| July ..      | 98              | 96             | 75              | 105            | 117    | 104    | 109              | 74             | 56             | 97                             | 87                |
| August ..    | 107             | 99             | 111             | 86             | 93     | 102    | 108              | 104            | 103            | 93                             | 92                |
| September .. | 111             | 102            | 118             | 111            | 115    | 105    | 116              | 115            | 110            | 110                            | 93                |
| October ..   | 114             | 103            | 116             | 113            | 117    | 110    | 117              | 113            | 112            | r115                           | 97                |
| November ..  | 114             | 102            | 118             | 118            | 112    | 109    | 120              | 115            | 115            | r116                           | 97                |
| December ..  | 115             | 97             | 111             | 119            | 115    | 112    | 122              | 105            | 113            | r108                           | 96                |
| 1955—        |                 |                |                 |                |        |        |                  |                |                |                                |                   |
| January ..   | 114             | 96             | 110             | 118            | 109    | 99     | 107              | 107            | 111            | r112                           | 99                |
| February ..  | 115             | 100            | 115             | 120            | 107    | 105    | 104              | 127            | 113            | r116                           | 101               |
| March ..     | 114             | 101            | 116             | 123            | 122    | 115    | 123              | 122            | 114            | 117                            | 103               |
| April ..     | 118             | 104            | 113             | 121            | 114    | 112    | 115              | 101            | 119            | r111                           | 103               |
| May ..       | 119             | 108            | 114             | 123            | 123    | 113    | 115              | 106            | 116            | r116                           | 103               |
| June ..      | 119             | 111            | 112             | 125            | 118    | 114    | 127              | 116            | 116            | r113                           | 104               |
| July ..      | 106             | 106            | 75              | 113            | 124    | 116    | 117              | 78             | 61             | r101                           | 97                |
| August ..    | 116             | 109            | 113             | 94             | 103    | 117    | 117              | 105            | 106            | r98                            | 104               |
| September .. | r123            | 113            | 119             | r119           | 124    | 120    | 123              | 119            | 116            | r116                           | 106               |
| October ..   | r118            | r115           | 117             | 124            | 125    | 121    | 124              | 117            | 117            | r120                           | 110               |
| November ..  | 123             | 114            | 118             | 128            | 120    | r123   | 126              | 120            | r122           | 121                            | r108              |
| December     |                 | 107            | 110             | 128            |        | 126    | 123              | 110            | 116            | 112                            |                   |

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days.

(c) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Includes construction.

(b) Adjusted for number of working days

(d) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Departments of Army and Air.)

| Period.                  | Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period. |                             |               | New Motor Vehicles Registered during period. |                             |               |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
|                          | Motor Cars.(a)                               | Commercial Vehicles, &c.(a) | Motor Cycles. | Motor Cars. (a)                              | Commercial Vehicles, &c.(a) | Motor Cycles. |
|                          | '000.                                        | '000.                       | '000.         |                                              |                             |               |
| <b>Monthly Averages.</b> |                                              |                             |               |                                              |                             |               |
| 1936-37(b) ..            | 499                                          | 214                         | 78            | (c)4,049                                     | (c) 2,016                   | (c) 623       |
| 1937-38(b) ..            | 535                                          | 242                         | 80            | (c)4,594                                     | (c) 2,283                   | (c) 694       |
| 1938-39 ..               | 562                                          | 258                         | 79            | (c)4,509                                     | (c) 2,077                   | (c) 614       |
| 1947-48(c) ..            | 592                                          | 412                         | 100           | 3,562                                        | 2,397                       | 1,192         |
| 1948-49(c) ..            | 655                                          | 450                         | 117           | 5,539                                        | 3,056                       | 1,852         |
| 1949-50(c) ..            | 768                                          | 490                         | 134           | 9,584                                        | 4,829                       | 2,232         |
| 1950-51(c) ..            | 882                                          | 548                         | 145           | 10,639                                       | 6,494                       | 2,263         |
| 1951-52(c) ..            | 1,031                                        | 581                         | 154           | 10,443                                       | 6,122                       | 1,846         |
| 1952-53(c) ..            | 1,108                                        | 579                         | 148           | 7,748                                        | 4,362                       | 941           |
| 1953-54 ..               | 1,200                                        | 607                         | 140           | 10,425                                       | 4,824                       | 905           |
| 1954-55 ..               | 1,347                                        | 650                         | 133           | 13,860                                       | 5,638                       | 941           |
| <b>Monthly Totals.</b>   |                                              |                             |               |                                              |                             |               |
| 1953-54—                 |                                              |                             |               |                                              |                             |               |
| February ..              | 1,161                                        | 595                         | 143           | 8,571                                        | 3,833                       | 862           |
| March ..                 | 1,172                                        | 598                         | 143           | 11,700                                       | 5,255                       | 1,020         |
| April ..                 | 1,182                                        | 601                         | 142           | 11,264                                       | 4,927                       | 1,007         |
| May ..                   | 1,190                                        | 603                         | 141           | 11,654                                       | 5,234                       | 892           |
| June ..                  | 1,200                                        | 607                         | 140           | 12,440                                       | 5,318                       | 740           |
| 1954-55—                 |                                              |                             |               |                                              |                             |               |
| July ..                  | 1,211                                        | 608                         | 139           | 13,379                                       | 5,739                       | 847           |
| August ..                | 1,225                                        | 613                         | 139           | (d) 15,885                                   | (d) 6,036                   | (d) 848       |
| September ..             | 1,237                                        | 617                         | 138           | (d) 13,755                                   | (d) 6,284                   | (d) 949       |
| October ..               | 1,251                                        | 622                         | 137           | (d) 13,560                                   | (d) 5,801                   | (d) 953       |
| November ..              | 1,268                                        | 629                         | 138           | (d) 13,609                                   | (d) 6,171                   | (d) 890       |
| December ..              | 1,284                                        | 635                         | 138           | (d) 13,395                                   | (d) 5,735                   | (d) 1,151     |
| January ..               | 1,284                                        | 631                         | 136           | (d) 8,132                                    | (d) 3,842                   | (d) 834       |
| February ..              | 1,295                                        | 636                         | 136           | (d) 12,740                                   | (d) 4,781                   | (d) 964       |
| March ..                 | 1,306                                        | 639                         | 135           | (d) 15,757                                   | (d) 5,885                   | (d) 1,117     |
| April ..                 | 1,317                                        | 640                         | 134           | (d) 13,482                                   | (d) 4,924                   | (d) 912       |
| May ..                   | 1,335                                        | 647                         | 134           | (d) 16,149                                   | (d) 6,211                   | (d) 1,034     |
| June ..                  | 1,347                                        | 650                         | 133           | (d) 16,475                                   | (d) 6,242                   | (d) 787       |
| 1955-56—                 |                                              |                             |               | (d)                                          | (d)                         | (d)           |
| July ..                  | 1,356                                        | 652                         | 132           | 15,145                                       | 6,049                       | 789           |
| August ..                | 1,370                                        | 655                         | 131           | 16,792                                       | 6,242                       | 890           |
| September ..             | 1,383                                        | 656                         | 130           | 15,952                                       | 6,602                       | 936           |
| October ..               | 1,392                                        | 657                         | 130           | 14,956                                       | 6,618                       | 910           |
| November ..              | 1,409                                        | 663                         | 130           | 14,839                                       | 6,052                       | 1,007         |
| December ..              | 1,420                                        | 666                         | 129           | r14,375                                      | r5,888                      | r1,004        |
| January p ..             |                                              |                             |               | 10,100                                       | 4,800                       | 850           |
| February p ..            |                                              |                             |               | 11,800                                       | 5,300                       | 850           |

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle : consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (b) Excludes extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia. (c) Excludes Northern Territory. (d) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

For meaning of symbol p, r, see page 1.



# GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

| Period.                 | Revenue<br>Train-Miles. | Goods and Livestock.(a) |                       | Passenger<br>Journeys. | Revenue. |        |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------|--------|
|                         |                         | Tons Carried.           | Net Ton-<br>miles.(b) |                        | Gross.   | Net.   |
|                         | '000.                   | '000.                   | Million.              | '000.                  | £'000.   | £'000. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |        |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 6,088                   | 2,678                   | 330.7                 | 31,469                 | 3,517    | 910    |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 6,418                   | 2,952                   | 360.1                 | 32,078                 | 3,705    | 852    |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 6,463                   | 2,737                   | 338.8                 | 32,070                 | 3,662    | 666    |
| 1947-48 .. ..           | 7,310                   | r3,305                  | 494.5                 | 42,564                 | 6,380    | 443    |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 7,690                   | r3,428                  | 517.7                 | 42,225                 | 7,165    | 85     |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 7,785                   | r3,362                  | 516.9                 | 42,054                 | 7,683    | -205   |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 7,390                   | r3,392                  | 523.1                 | 39,674                 | 8,804    | -594   |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 7,780                   | r3,672                  | 562.9                 | 41,707                 | 11,626   | -721   |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 7,394                   | r3,644                  | 547.8                 | 41,468                 | 12,903   | -560   |
| 1953-54 .. ..           | 7,789                   | r3,880                  | 579.4                 | 42,557                 | 14,155   | 140    |
| 1954-55 .. ..           | 7,911                   | 3,951                   | 608.0                 | 43,071                 | 14,498   | 124    |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |        |
| 1953-54—                |                         |                         |                       |                        | (c)      | (c)    |
| November .. ..          | 7,837                   | r3,968                  | 584.1                 | 43,660                 | 14,194   | 313    |
| December .. ..          | 7,727                   | r3,671                  | 601.5                 | 40,407                 | 14,130   | 265    |
| January .. ..           | 7,458                   | r3,573                  | 513.7                 | 40,466                 | 13,599   | 862    |
| February .. ..          | 6,533                   | r3,470                  | 481.2                 | 42,745                 | 12,233   | -716   |
| March .. ..             | 8,289                   | r4,078                  | 597.0                 | 46,239                 | 14,764   | 1,039  |
| April .. ..             | 7,463                   | r3,611                  | 558.8                 | 41,845                 | 13,772   | 344    |
| May .. ..               | 8,274                   | r3,968                  | 635.2                 | 45,559                 | 14,686   | -181   |
| June .. ..              | 7,932                   | r,3987                  | 607.2                 | 41,895                 | 15,922   | -1,769 |
| 1954-55—                |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |        |
| July .. ..              | 8,073                   | 4,207                   | 631.9                 | 41,967                 | 14,456   | 732    |
| August .. ..            | 7,948                   | 4,159                   | 619.3                 | 44,603                 | 15,123   | 1,362  |
| September .. ..         | 8,082                   | 4,260                   | 639.5                 | 43,017                 | 15,375   | 1,442  |
| October .. ..           | 8,287                   | 4,178                   | 665.4                 | 42,696                 | 15,304   | 1,174  |
| November .. ..          | 8,176                   | 4,343                   | 681.4                 | 44,244                 | 15,856   | 1,228  |
| December .. ..          | 8,045                   | 4,143                   | 616.9                 | 41,120                 | 15,786   | 1,179  |
| January .. ..           | 7,476                   | 3,339                   | 531.2                 | 40,885                 | 13,082   | -40    |
| February .. ..          | 7,253                   | 3,503                   | 539.9                 | 44,395                 | 12,947   | -460   |
| March .. ..             | 7,606                   | 3,910                   | 563.5                 | 42,811                 | 13,725   | -292   |
| April .. ..             | 7,759                   | 3,537                   | 575.3                 | 41,878                 | 13,704   | -761   |
| May .. ..               | 8,141                   | 4,011                   | 633.9                 | 46,449                 | 14,762   | -860   |
| June .. ..              | 8,083                   | 3,827                   | 597.2                 | 42,791                 | 14,134   | -2,073 |
| 1955-56 p—              |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |        |
| July .. ..              | 8,155                   | 4,125                   | 630.2                 | 43,104                 | 14,215   | -92    |
| August .. ..            | 8,371                   | 4,350                   | 635.4                 | 44,990                 | 15,418   | +161   |
| September .. ..         | 8,229                   | 4,238                   | 635.4                 | 43,198                 | 15,514   | +780   |
| October .. ..           | 8,249                   | 4,129                   | 627.9                 | 45,489                 | 15,259   | +180   |

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) From 1946-47 figures are partly estimated.  
(c) Calculated from monthly returns of revenue and expenditure and not strictly comparable with annual figures above as monthly details exclude certain items of revenue and expenditure which are only allocated on an annual basis.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

For meaning of symbols p, r, — see page 1.

# SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS WEIGHT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.)(a).

| Period.                 | Oversea Cargo.                 |                                 | Interstate Cargo Shipped from— |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
|                         | Shipped from Australian Ports. | Discharged at Australian Ports. | New South Wales.               | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. (b) |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1936-37..               | 419                            | 304                             | 228                            | 71        | 30          | 163              | 3                  | 47        | 542            |
| 1937-38..               | 478                            | 364                             | 247                            | 73        | 24          | 186              | 3                  | 53        | 586            |
| 1938-39..               | 428                            | 350                             | 228                            | 72        | 27          | 219              | 5                  | 51        | 602            |
| 1948-49..               | 452                            | 488                             | 257                            | 41        | 32          | 152              | 5                  | 32        | 519            |
| 1949-50..               | 422                            | 641                             | 233                            | 37        | 30          | 198              | 5                  | 32        | 535            |
| 1950-51..               | 450                            | 757                             | 232                            | 37        | 36          | 222              | 5                  | 28        | 560            |
| 1951-52..               | 374                            | 810                             | 280                            | 37        | 45          | 238              | 11                 | 29        | 641            |
| 1952-53..               | 504                            | 644                             | 285                            | 34        | 53          | 247              | 52                 | 33        | 704            |
| 1953-54..               | 479                            | 711                             | 307                            | 39        | 36          | 287              | 54                 | 35        | 758            |
| 1954-55..               | 507                            | 916                             | 302                            | 74        | 43          | 318              | 73                 | 41        | 851            |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1953-54—                |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| January ..              | 364                            | 735                             | 293                            | 17        | 34          | 330              | 51                 | 27        | 753            |
| February ..             | 391                            | 617                             | 234                            | 20        | 22          | 268              | 54                 | 18        | 617            |
| March ..                | 537                            | 804                             | 332                            | 22        | 28          | 295              | 59                 | 43        | 779            |
| April ..                | 394                            | 731                             | 274                            | 54        | 34          | 305              | 37                 | 22        | 727            |
| May ..                  | 454                            | 779                             | 301                            | 63        | 55          | 327              | 36                 | 50        | 832            |
| June ..                 | 451                            | 817                             | 300                            | 83        | 38          | 298              | 72                 | 35        | 827            |
| 1954-55—                |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | 565                            | 892                             | 333                            | 56        | 52          | 346              | 108                | 50        | 945            |
| August ..               | 443                            | 857                             | 307                            | 62        | 48          | 359              | 86                 | 39        | 901            |
| September ..            | 466                            | 750                             | 308                            | 77        | 56          | 230              | 80                 | 47        | 799            |
| October ..              | 558                            | 836                             | 330                            | 90        | 49          | 335              | 54                 | 46        | 904            |
| November(c) ..          | 319                            | 799                             | 182                            | 43        | 29          | 318              | 34                 | 24        | 630            |
| December ..             | 651                            | 873                             | 314                            | 86        | 74          | 266              | 51                 | 23        | 815            |
| January ..              | 500                            | 831                             | 274                            | 91        | 45          | 361              | 42                 | 50        | 863            |
| February ..             | 466                            | 935                             | 269                            | 78        | 54          | 318              | 24                 | 55        | 798            |
| March ..                | 640                            | 1,015                           | 302                            | 48        | 19          | 327              | 99                 | 39        | 835            |
| April ..                | 506                            | 1,073                           | 306                            | 68        | 51          | 290              | 67                 | 35        | 818            |
| May ..                  | 486                            | 1,058                           | 335                            | 77        | 28          | 352              | 115                | 42        | 949            |
| June ..                 | 483                            | 1,073                           | 369                            | 107       | 13          | 309              | 114                | 43        | 955            |
| 1955-56 p—              |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | 462                            | 882                             | 405                            | 114       | 64          | 326              | 116                | 56        | 1,081          |
| August ..               | 496                            | 1,060                           | 321                            | r119      | 42          | r334             | 135                | 49        | r1,000         |
| September ..            | r450                           | r981                            | 307                            | r88       | 54          | r364             | r176               | 51        | r1,040         |
| October ..              | 460                            | r971                            | 291                            | 98        | 58          | 340              | 123                | 33        | 943            |
| November ..             | 508                            | r1,085                          | 292                            | 115       | r39         | r287             | 143                | 41        | r917           |
| December ..             | r560                           | 1,105                           | 243                            | r110      | r57         | r253             | r163               | r22       | r848           |
| January ..              | 463                            | 930                             | 193                            | 84        | 17          | 329              | 174                | 30        | r827           |

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Measurement on page 44.  
ports 2nd-16th November (approx.).

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Strike in all main

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS OF 40 CUBIC FEET MEASUREMENT.  
(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.)(a).

| Period.                 | Oversea Cargo.                 |                                 | Interstate Cargo Shipped from— |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
|                         | Shipped from Australian Ports. | Discharged at Australian Ports. | New South Wales.               | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. (b) |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1936-37..               | 78                             | 169                             | 56                             | 22        | 9           | 20               | 5                  | 21        | 133            |
| 1937-38..               | 91                             | 190                             | 59                             | 28        | 13          | 26               | 5                  | 25        | 156            |
| 1938-39..               | 91                             | 183                             | 56                             | 21        | 13          | 22               | 5                  | 27        | 144            |
| 1948-49..               | 114                            | 214                             | 29                             | 19        | 10          | 16               | 6                  | 18        | 98             |
| 1949-50..               | 116                            | 298                             | 25                             | 21        | 11          | 17               | 7                  | 20        | 101            |
| 1950-51..               | 108                            | 333                             | 27                             | 20        | 10          | 20               | 6                  | 27        | 110            |
| 1951-52..               | 103                            | 391                             | 32                             | 25        | 9           | 17               | 6                  | 21        | 110            |
| 1952-53..               | 121                            | 161                             | 31                             | 22        | 8           | 17               | 9                  | 19        | 106            |
| 1953-54..               | 113                            | 234                             | 36                             | 35        | 10          | 19               | 8                  | 20        | 128            |
| 1954-55..               | 118                            | 284                             | 34                             | 35        | 10          | 16               | 8                  | 20        | 123            |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1953-54—                |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| January ..              | 61                             | 264                             | 28                             | 30        | 7           | 12               | 4                  | 19        | 100            |
| February ..             | 87                             | 187                             | 28                             | 35        | 8           | 15               | 5                  | 25        | 116            |
| March ..                | 175                            | 285                             | 44                             | 43        | 9           | 23               | 9                  | 23        | 151            |
| April ..                | 160                            | 202                             | 40                             | 42        | 12          | 11               | 7                  | 40        | 152            |
| May ..                  | 158                            | 288                             | 36                             | 34        | 11          | 23               | 9                  | 25        | 138            |
| June ..                 | 106                            | 270                             | 33                             | 37        | 8           | 17               | 9                  | 23        | 127            |
| 1954-55—                |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | 112                            | 272                             | 43                             | 42        | 12          | 26               | 7                  | 17        | 147            |
| August ..               | 103                            | 258                             | 40                             | 34        | 11          | 20               | 9                  | 19        | 133            |
| September ..            | 121                            | 270                             | 37                             | 36        | 14          | 17               | 10                 | 25        | 139            |
| October ..              | 101                            | 265                             | 30                             | 43        | 11          | 16               | 6                  | 14        | 120            |
| November(c) ..          | 67                             | 235                             | 16                             | 20        | 6           | 12               | 8                  | 12        | 74             |
| December ..             | 126                            | 265                             | 43                             | 42        | 9           | 16               | 6                  | 28        | 144            |
| January ..              | 90                             | 370                             | 30                             | 23        | 5           | 12               | 7                  | 23        | 100            |
| February ..             | 78                             | 259                             | 31                             | 34        | 11          | 11               | 8                  | 13        | 108            |
| March ..                | 141                            | 330                             | 33                             | 42        | 10          | 17               | 6                  | 21        | 129            |
| April ..                | 130                            | 267                             | 32                             | 31        | 9           | 15               | 9                  | 28        | 124            |
| May ..                  | 206                            | 310                             | 28                             | 38        | 9           | 14               | 10                 | 21        | 120            |
| June ..                 | 145                            | 302                             | 36                             | 38        | 9           | 17               | 13                 | 21        | 134            |
| 1955-56 p—              |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | 127                            | 316                             | r31                            | 50        | r11         | 16               | r9                 | r36       | r154           |
| August ..               | 130                            | 324                             | 25                             | 32        | 9           | 16               | 6                  | 32        | 120            |
| September ..            | 123                            | 289                             | 34                             | 36        | 13          | 16               | r12                | 37        | r148           |
| October ..              | 133                            | 324                             | 24                             | 38        | 11          | 14               | 6                  | 23        | 116            |
| November ..             | 110                            | 322                             | 27                             | r39       | 17          | 16               | 12                 | 28        | r139           |
| December ..             | 104                            | 316                             | 22                             | 32        | 3           | 14               | 8                  | 18        | 97             |
| January ..              | 65                             | 213                             | 15                             | 20        | 4           | 5                | 5                  | 14        | 63             |

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Weight on page 43.  
November (approx.).

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Strike in all ports 2nd-16th

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

| Period.           | Receipts of P.M.G.'s<br>Department.(a) | Broadcast Listeners'<br>Licences in force at<br>end of period. | Telephone Services connected at end of<br>period. |              |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|
|                   |                                        |                                                                | Lines.                                            | Instruments. |
|                   | £'000.                                 | '000.                                                          | '000.                                             | '000.        |
| Monthly Averages. |                                        |                                                                |                                                   |              |
| 1936-37 .. .. .   | 1,318                                  | 938                                                            | 440                                               | 595          |
| 1937-38 .. .. .   | 1,396                                  | 1,056                                                          | 465                                               | 630          |
| 1938-39 .. .. .   | 1,447                                  | 1,130                                                          | 488                                               | 662          |
| 1948-49 .. .. .   | 2,776                                  | 1,919                                                          | 734                                               | 1,028        |
| 1949-50 .. .. .   | 3,196                                  | 2,030                                                          | 793                                               | 1,110        |
| 1950-51 .. .. .   | 3,732                                  | (b)2,110                                                       | 864                                               | 1,209        |
| 1951-52 .. .. .   | 4,948                                  | 1,961                                                          | 927                                               | 1,301        |
| 1952-53 .. .. .   | 5,371                                  | 1,986                                                          | 985                                               | 1,384        |
| 1953-54 .. .. .   | 5,650                                  | 2,042                                                          | 1,050                                             | 1,476        |
| 1954-55 .. .. .   | 6,069                                  | 2,035                                                          | 1,127                                             | 1,587        |
| Monthly Totals.   |                                        |                                                                |                                                   |              |
| 1953-54—          |                                        |                                                                |                                                   |              |
| February .. .. .  | 5,049                                  | 1,972                                                          | 1,029                                             | 1,445        |
| March .. .. .     | 6,247                                  | 2,011                                                          | 1,034                                             | 1,453        |
| April .. .. .     | 5,588                                  | 2,030                                                          | 1,039                                             | 1,460        |
| May .. .. .       | 5,778                                  | 2,031                                                          | 1,044                                             | 1,467        |
| June .. .. .      | 6,105                                  | 2,042                                                          | 1,050                                             | 1,476        |
| 1954-55—          |                                        |                                                                |                                                   |              |
| July .. .. .      | 5,657                                  | 2,027                                                          | 1,055                                             | 1,484        |
| August .. .. .    | 5,558                                  | 2,029                                                          | 1,062                                             | 1,494        |
| September .. .. . | 5,903                                  | 2,030                                                          | 1,068                                             | 1,504        |
| October .. .. .   | 5,929                                  | 2,047                                                          | 1,075                                             | 1,513        |
| November .. .. .  | 6,391                                  | 2,053                                                          | 1,081                                             | 1,522        |
| December .. .. .  | 7,038                                  | 2,044                                                          | 1,088                                             | 1,531        |
| January .. .. .   | 5,160                                  | 2,039                                                          | 1,095                                             | 1,540        |
| February .. .. .  | 5,927                                  | 2,047                                                          | 1,101                                             | 1,548        |
| March .. .. .     | 6,619                                  | 2,031                                                          | 1,107                                             | 1,558        |
| April .. .. .     | 5,769                                  | 2,028                                                          | 1,113                                             | 1,566        |
| May .. .. .       | 6,231                                  | 2,039                                                          | 1,120                                             | 1,576        |
| June .. .. .      | 6,637                                  | 2,035                                                          | 1,127                                             | 1,587        |
| 1955-56—          |                                        |                                                                |                                                   |              |
| July .. .. .      | 5,921                                  | 2,036                                                          | 1,135                                             | 1,598        |
| August .. .. .    | 6,509                                  | 2,045                                                          | 1,143                                             | 1,610        |
| September .. .. . | 6,493                                  | 2,051                                                          | 1,151                                             | 1,622        |
| October .. .. .   | 6,266                                  | 2,051                                                          | 1,159                                             | 1,634        |
| November .. .. .  | 6,437                                  | 2,050                                                          | 1,166                                             | 1,643        |
| December .. .. .  | 7,142                                  | 2,055                                                          | 1,173                                             | 1,653        |
| January .. .. .   | 6,097                                  | 2,065                                                          | 1,179                                             | 1,662        |
| February .. .. .  | 6,285                                  | 2,069                                                          | 1,185                                             | 1,671        |

(a) Actual collections of one are included.

(b) During the period July, 1942, to December, 1951, supplementary licences for receivers in excess

For meaning of symbols r, —, see page 1.

**PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)**  
**LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.**  
 (£ million.)

| Period                        |    | Deposits.(b)         |                             |         | Advances. | Govern-<br>ment and<br>Municipal<br>Securities.<br>(c) | Special<br>Accounts<br>with Com-<br>monwealth<br>Bank. | Coin,<br>Bullion,<br>Notes and<br>Cash with<br>Common-<br>wealth Bank. | Treasury<br>Bills. |
|-------------------------------|----|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                               |    | Bearing<br>Interest. | Not<br>Bearing<br>Interest. | Total.  |           |                                                        |                                                        |                                                                        |                    |
| Average of Weekly<br>Figures— |    |                      |                             |         |           |                                                        |                                                        |                                                                        |                    |
| 1936-37..                     | .. | 184.7                | 112.9                       | 297.6   | 262.5     | 15.0                                                   | ..                                                     | 34.2                                                                   | 24.5               |
| 1937-38..                     | .. | 194.8                | 120.0                       | 314.8   | 274.4     | 21.4                                                   | ..                                                     | 37.1                                                                   | 20.7               |
| 1938-39..                     | .. | 198.8                | 118.9                       | 317.7   | 288.1     | 20.5                                                   | ..                                                     | 33.6                                                                   | 21.5               |
|                               |    |                      |                             |         |           |                                                        |                                                        |                                                                        |                    |
| 1948-49..                     | .. | 211.3                | 565.1                       | 776.4   | (d)368.6  | 61.5                                                   | 322.7                                                  | 48.0                                                                   | 22.1               |
| 1949-50..                     | .. | 224.5                | 685.6                       | 910.1   | 403.9     | 83.8                                                   | 377.0                                                  | 52.0                                                                   | 26.5               |
| 1950-51..                     | .. | 247.7                | 896.5                       | 1,144.2 | 479.3     | 90.2                                                   | 500.3                                                  | 59.3                                                                   | 36.9               |
| 1951-52..                     | .. | 238.2                | 963.5                       | 1,201.7 | 621.4     | 68.4                                                   | 466.0                                                  | 60.6                                                                   | 32.4               |
| 1952-53..                     | .. | 218.7                | 943.7                       | 1,162.4 | 638.1     | 86.5                                                   | 211.7                                                  | 74.7                                                                   | 123.1              |
| 1953-54..                     | .. | 239.8                | 1,035.7                     | 1,275.5 | 658.5     | 130.3                                                  | 285.2                                                  | 71.2                                                                   | 99.4               |
| 1954-55..                     | .. | 263.0                | 1,047.7                     | 1,310.7 | 776.8     | 121.9                                                  | 269.1                                                  | 66.9                                                                   | 51.6               |
|                               |    |                      |                             |         |           |                                                        |                                                        |                                                                        |                    |
| 1953-54—                      |    |                      |                             |         |           |                                                        |                                                        |                                                                        |                    |
| February                      | .. | 245.9                | 1,091.2                     | 1,337.1 | 656.0     | 138.5                                                  | 282.4                                                  | 75.0                                                                   | 147.7              |
| March                         | .. | 244.3                | 1,118.7                     | 1,363.0 | 664.3     | 141.9                                                  | 315.4                                                  | 66.8                                                                   | 133.0              |
| April ..                      | .. | 245.3                | 1,109.6                     | 1,354.9 | 684.7     | 142.0                                                  | 332.6                                                  | 63.3                                                                   | 91.6               |
| May ..                        | .. | 247.7                | 1,075.6                     | 1,323.3 | 695.4     | 136.0                                                  | 318.8                                                  | 75.4                                                                   | 67.1               |
| June ..                       | .. | 251.3                | 1,053.7                     | 1,305.0 | 701.7     | 133.4                                                  | 313.8                                                  | 67.7                                                                   | 58.0               |
| 1954-55—                      |    |                      |                             |         |           |                                                        |                                                        |                                                                        |                    |
| July ..                       | .. | 254.3                | 1,017.4                     | 1,271.7 | 724.9     | 123.6                                                  | 308.4                                                  | 65.7                                                                   | 33.7               |
| August                        | .. | 252.9                | 1,003.8                     | 1,256.7 | 738.8     | 120.3                                                  | 291.9                                                  | 65.4                                                                   | 32.4               |
| September                     | .. | 259.9                | 1,000.4                     | 1,260.3 | 757.1     | 117.3                                                  | 287.8                                                  | 65.0                                                                   | 22.8               |
| October                       | .. | 264.3                | 1,021.6                     | 1,285.9 | 780.1     | 116.1                                                  | 272.3                                                  | 65.0                                                                   | 35.4               |
| November                      | .. | 264.1                | 1,035.2                     | 1,299.3 | 786.2     | 114.8                                                  | 269.1                                                  | 67.7                                                                   | 41.1               |
| December (e)                  | .. | 261.1                | 1,056.6                     | 1,317.7 | 785.7     | 114.3                                                  | 259.6                                                  | 69.7                                                                   | 47.1               |
| January                       | .. | 264.9                | 1,069.9                     | 1,334.8 | 769.8     | 116.4                                                  | 259.6                                                  | 83.7                                                                   | 74.7               |
| February                      | .. | 267.2                | 1,089.0                     | 1,356.2 | 772.9     | 124.6                                                  | 259.6                                                  | 71.7                                                                   | 96.5               |
| March (f)                     |    | ..                   | 267.2                       | 1,097.1 | 1,364.3   | 775.9                                                  | 132.5                                                  | 259.6                                                                  | 65.8               |
| April ..                      | .. | 262.6                | 1,082.7                     | 1,345.3 | 795.8     | 130.4                                                  | 259.6                                                  | 59.2                                                                   | 65.9               |
| May ..                        | .. | 268.8                | 1,059.9                     | 1,328.7 | 811.4     | 126.0                                                  | 259.6                                                  | 59.6                                                                   | 48.6               |
| June ..                       | .. | 267.2                | 1,040.0                     | 1,307.2 | 817.7     | 124.6                                                  | 245.8                                                  | 65.4                                                                   | 27.8               |
| 1955-56—                      |    |                      |                             |         |           |                                                        |                                                        |                                                                        |                    |
| July ..                       | .. | 267.9                | 1,012.9                     | 1,280.8 | 829.9     | 113.9                                                  | 238.8                                                  | 69.2                                                                   | 18.8               |
| August                        | .. | 264.3                | 999.9                       | 1,264.2 | 820.4     | 110.4                                                  | 231.9                                                  | 67.0                                                                   | 22.0               |
| September                     | .. | 260.9                | 996.8                       | 1,257.7 | 823.1     | 106.2                                                  | 231.9                                                  | 65.4                                                                   | 23.6               |
| October                       | .. | 264.0                | 1,013.1                     | 1,277.1 | 831.4     | 106.8                                                  | 231.9                                                  | 64.1                                                                   | 27.5               |
| November                      | .. | 261.8                | 1,034.0                     | 1,295.8 | 823.3     | 110.3                                                  | 231.9                                                  | 65.1                                                                   | 31.9               |
| December (g)                  | .. | 259.3                | 1,062.2                     | 1,321.5 | 814.5     | 110.4                                                  | 231.9                                                  | 71.4                                                                   | 45.0               |
| January                       | .. | 261.3                | 1,070.5                     | 1,331.8 | 784.2     | 113.4                                                  | 231.9                                                  | 76.4                                                                   | 92.8               |
| February                      | .. | 259.7                | 1,072.2                     | 1,331.9 | 773.7     | 117.2                                                  | 247.4                                                  | 66.9                                                                   | 111.6              |

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, The Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Excludes inscribed stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills. (d) Figures for 1945-46 and onwards are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fifth Wednesday. (f) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (g) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

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# PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

## RATIOS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS (b) WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (Per Cent.)

| Period.      |    |        | Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits. |                        |           |                                                                 |                                          | Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits. |
|--------------|----|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|              |    |        | Cash in Australia.                                             | Cash + Treasury Bills. | Advances. | Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c) | Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank. |                                                    |
| Average      | of | Weekly |                                                                |                        |           |                                                                 |                                          |                                                    |
| Figures—     |    |        |                                                                |                        |           |                                                                 |                                          |                                                    |
| 1936-37      | .. | ..     | 11.49                                                          | 19.73                  | 88.20     | 93.26                                                           | ..                                       | 37.93                                              |
| 1937-38      | .. | ..     | 11.79                                                          | 18.37                  | 87.15     | 93.95                                                           | ..                                       | 38.13                                              |
| 1938-39      | .. | ..     | 10.58                                                          | 17.36                  | 90.70     | 97.15                                                           | ..                                       | 37.42                                              |
| 1948-49      | .. | ..     | 6.18                                                           | 9.03                   | (d)47.47  | (d)55.39                                                        | 41.56                                    | 72.79                                              |
| 1949-50      | .. | ..     | 5.71                                                           | 8.62                   | 44.35     | 53.55                                                           | 41.40                                    | 75.28                                              |
| 1950-51      | .. | ..     | 5.19                                                           | 8.41                   | 41.89     | 49.69                                                           | 43.73                                    | 78.35                                              |
| 1951-52      | .. | ..     | 5.04                                                           | 7.74                   | 51.71     | 57.40                                                           | 38.78                                    | 80.18                                              |
| 1952-53      | .. | ..     | 6.43                                                           | 17.02                  | 54.89     | 62.33                                                           | 18.21                                    | 81.19                                              |
| 1953-54      | .. | ..     | 5.59                                                           | 13.38                  | 51.63     | 61.85                                                           | 22.36                                    | 81.20                                              |
| 1954-55      | .. | ..     | 5.10                                                           | 9.04                   | 59.26     | 68.56                                                           | 20.53                                    | 79.93                                              |
| 1953-54—     |    |        |                                                                |                        |           |                                                                 |                                          |                                                    |
| February     | .. | ..     | 5.61                                                           | 16.65                  | 49.06     | 59.41                                                           | 21.12                                    | 81.61                                              |
| March        | .. | ..     | 4.90                                                           | 14.66                  | 48.74     | 59.15                                                           | 23.14                                    | 82.07                                              |
| April        | .. | ..     | 4.67                                                           | 11.43                  | 50.53     | 61.01                                                           | 24.54                                    | 81.90                                              |
| May          | .. | ..     | 5.70                                                           | 10.77                  | 52.55     | 62.83                                                           | 24.09                                    | 81.28                                              |
| June         | .. | ..     | 5.19                                                           | 9.63                   | 53.77     | 63.99                                                           | 24.04                                    | 80.74                                              |
| 1954-55—     |    |        |                                                                |                        |           |                                                                 |                                          |                                                    |
| July ..      | .. | ..     | 5.16                                                           | 7.81                   | 57.01     | 66.73                                                           | 24.25                                    | 80.00                                              |
| August       | .. | ..     | 5.20                                                           | 7.78                   | 58.78     | 68.35                                                           | 23.22                                    | 79.88                                              |
| September    | .. | ..     | 5.16                                                           | 6.97                   | 60.07     | 69.38                                                           | 22.83                                    | 79.38                                              |
| October      | .. | ..     | 5.06                                                           | 7.81                   | 60.66     | 69.68                                                           | 21.18                                    | 79.45                                              |
| November     | .. | ..     | 5.21                                                           | 8.37                   | 60.51     | 69.34                                                           | 20.71                                    | 79.67                                              |
| December (e) | .. | ..     | 5.29                                                           | 8.86                   | 59.63     | 68.30                                                           | 19.70                                    | 80.18                                              |
| January      | .. | ..     | 6.28                                                           | 11.88                  | 57.67     | 66.40                                                           | 19.45                                    | 80.15                                              |
| February     | .. | ..     | 5.29                                                           | 12.41                  | 56.99     | 66.18                                                           | 19.14                                    | 80.30                                              |
| March (f)    | .. | ..     | 4.82                                                           | 11.82                  | 56.87     | 66.59                                                           | 19.03                                    | 80.42                                              |
| April        | .. | ..     | 4.40                                                           | 9.30                   | 59.15     | 68.84                                                           | 19.30                                    | 80.48                                              |
| May          | .. | ..     | 4.49                                                           | 8.15                   | 61.07     | 70.56                                                           | 19.54                                    | 79.77                                              |
| June         | .. | ..     | 5.01                                                           | 7.14                   | 62.55     | 72.08                                                           | 18.80                                    | 79.56                                              |
| 1955-56—     |    |        |                                                                |                        |           |                                                                 |                                          |                                                    |
| July ..      | .. | ..     | 5.41                                                           | 6.87                   | 64.80     | 73.69                                                           | 18.65                                    | 79.08                                              |
| August       | .. | ..     | 5.30                                                           | 7.04                   | 64.89     | 73.62                                                           | 18.34                                    | 79.09                                              |
| September    | .. | ..     | 5.20                                                           | 7.07                   | 65.45     | 73.89                                                           | 18.44                                    | 79.26                                              |
| October      | .. | ..     | 5.02                                                           | 7.17                   | 65.10     | 73.47                                                           | 18.16                                    | 79.33                                              |
| November     | .. | ..     | 5.03                                                           | 7.49                   | 63.53     | 72.05                                                           | 17.90                                    | 79.79                                              |
| December (g) | .. | ..     | 5.40                                                           | 8.81                   | 61.63     | 69.98                                                           | 17.55                                    | 80.38                                              |
| January      | .. | ..     | 5.74                                                           | 12.71                  | 58.89     | 67.40                                                           | 17.41                                    | 80.38                                              |
| February     | .. | ..     | 5.02                                                           | 13.40                  | 58.09     | 66.89                                                           | 18.58                                    | 80.50                                              |

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills.  
(d) Figures for 1945-46 and onwards are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return on fifth Wednesday. (f) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (g) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

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**COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a),**  
**and**  
**COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA**  
**(RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS).**  
**(£ million.)**

| Period.                           | Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)(b) |                             |        |                |                                                                 |                                                                          |                    |                                                                        | Commonwealth Bank—Advances.(b)       |                                      |                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
|                                   | Deposits.                        |                             |        | Ad-<br>vances. | Special<br>Account<br>with<br>Common-<br>wealth<br>Bank.<br>(c) | Coin<br>Bullion,<br>Notes and<br>Cash with<br>Common-<br>wealth<br>Bank. | Treasury<br>Bills. | Other<br>Australian<br>Govern-<br>ment and<br>Municipal<br>Securities. | Rural<br>Credits<br>Depart-<br>ment. | Mortgage<br>Bank<br>Depart-<br>ment. | Industrial Finance<br>Department. |        |
|                                   | Bearing<br>Interest.             | Not<br>Bearing<br>Interest. | Total. |                |                                                                 |                                                                          |                    |                                                                        |                                      |                                      | Hire<br>Purchase.                 | Other. |
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |                                  |                             |        |                |                                                                 |                                                                          |                    |                                                                        |                                      |                                      |                                   |        |
| 1948-49 ..                        | 13.2                             | 51.1                        | 64.3   | 31.8           | ..                                                              | 6.1                                                                      | ..                 | 34.1                                                                   | 1.8                                  | 3.2                                  | 7.6                               | 4.8    |
| 1949-50 ..                        | 14.8                             | 62.5                        | 77.3   | 45.3           | ..                                                              | 6.2                                                                      | 2.0                | 35.4                                                                   | 13.8                                 | 3.5                                  | 12.8                              | 6.3    |
| 1950-51 ..                        | 19.4                             | 89.2                        | 108.6  | 62.5           | ..                                                              | 7.2                                                                      | 24.0               | 26.9                                                                   | 13.7                                 | 3.8                                  | 14.7                              | 7.6    |
| 1951-52 ..                        | 20.1                             | 90.6                        | 110.7  | 76.4           | ..                                                              | 6.6                                                                      | 26.4               | 13.3                                                                   | 19.7                                 | 4.1                                  | 15.5                              | 8.7    |
| 1952-53 ..                        | 22.8                             | 96.7                        | 119.5  | (d)59.5        | 21.7                                                            | 8.8                                                                      | (c)17.2            | (d)25.8                                                                | 44.9                                 | 4.3                                  | 14.8                              | 8.1    |
| 1953-54 ..                        | 35.3                             | 120.9                       | 156.2  | 69.2           | 34.8                                                            | 11.0                                                                     | 23.4               | 29.9                                                                   | 43.2                                 | 4.5                                  | 16.6                              | 4.7    |
| 1954-55 ..                        | 43.6                             | 130.9                       | 174.5  | 89.1           | 36.1                                                            | 10.5                                                                     | 12.3               | 38.2                                                                   | 62.3                                 | 4.8                                  | 17.0                              | 6.7    |
| <b>1953-54—</b>                   |                                  |                             |        |                |                                                                 |                                                                          |                    |                                                                        |                                      |                                      |                                   |        |
| February                          | 36.9                             | 121.6                       | 158.5  | 71.6           | 34.5                                                            | 10.5                                                                     | 20.9               | 35.1                                                                   | 48.0                                 | 4.6                                  | 16.6                              | 4.6    |
| March ..                          | 37.9                             | 125.3                       | 163.2  | 71.9           | 38.3                                                            | 9.8                                                                      | 18.3               | 35.1                                                                   | 70.4                                 | 4.7                                  | 16.4                              | 4.8    |
| April ..                          | 37.9                             | 127.7                       | 165.6  | 72.1           | 40.3                                                            | 9.9                                                                      | 17.9               | 35.1                                                                   | 74.0                                 | 4.7                                  | 16.6                              | 4.8    |
| May ..                            | 38.3                             | 126.1                       | 164.4  | 73.3           | 39.1                                                            | 10.7                                                                     | 15.5               | 35.1                                                                   | 63.6                                 | 4.7                                  | 16.7                              | 5.0    |
| June ..                           | 37.8                             | 127.9                       | 165.7  | 76.0           | 38.7                                                            | 14.1                                                                     | 12.6               | 35.1                                                                   | 57.4                                 | 4.6                                  | 16.8                              | 5.3    |
| <b>1954-55—</b>                   |                                  |                             |        |                |                                                                 |                                                                          |                    |                                                                        |                                      |                                      |                                   |        |
| July ..                           | 39.9                             | 125.0                       | 164.9  | 80.9           | 38.6                                                            | 9.3                                                                      | 13.3               | 35.1                                                                   | 56.2                                 | 4.7                                  | 16.7                              | 6.0    |
| August ..                         | 41.0                             | 123.7                       | 164.7  | 84.0           | 38.5                                                            | 9.8                                                                      | 8.3                | 35.1                                                                   | 61.1                                 | 4.7                                  | 16.8                              | 6.1    |
| September                         | 41.9                             | 126.9                       | 168.8  | 84.1           | 38.5                                                            | 10.5                                                                     | 9.6                | 37.0                                                                   | 54.1                                 | 4.7                                  | 17.1                              | 6.3    |
| October ..                        | 44.6                             | 128.1                       | 172.7  | 84.2           | 37.3                                                            | 10.4                                                                     | 11.9               | 39.9                                                                   | 48.3                                 | 4.7                                  | 17.2                              | 6.3    |
| November                          | 44.1                             | 132.1                       | 176.2  | 86.5           | 36.7                                                            | 9.8                                                                      | 14.3               | 40.1                                                                   | 45.6                                 | 4.8                                  | 17.3                              | 6.4    |
| December e                        | 43.8                             | 133.6                       | 177.4  | 87.4           | 35.0                                                            | 10.6                                                                     | 16.3               | 38.2                                                                   | 41.4                                 | 4.8                                  | 17.5                              | 6.3    |
| January ..                        | 42.9                             | 127.3                       | 170.2  | 89.7           | 35.0                                                            | 11.6                                                                     | 10.7               | 36.3                                                                   | 53.6                                 | 4.8                                  | 17.4                              | 6.2    |
| February                          | 42.5                             | 129.5                       | 172.0  | 90.0           | 35.0                                                            | 10.3                                                                     | 12.7               | 37.7                                                                   | 76.9                                 | 4.9                                  | 17.1                              | 6.3    |
| March ..                          | 44.2                             | 136.2                       | 180.4  | 90.9           | 35.0                                                            | 11.4                                                                     | 15.3               | 39.3                                                                   | 85.9                                 | 5.0                                  | 16.9                              | 6.5    |
| April ..                          | 45.5                             | 136.4                       | 181.9  | 94.0           | 35.0                                                            | 9.2                                                                      | 14.6               | 39.6                                                                   | 81.7                                 | 5.0                                  | 16.7                              | 7.4    |
| May ..                            | 45.5                             | 135.9                       | 181.4  | 97.8           | 35.0                                                            | 10.0                                                                     | 12.0               | 39.6                                                                   | 74.4                                 | 5.0                                  | 16.7                              | 8.2    |
| June ..                           | 46.2                             | 134.9                       | 181.1  | 98.5           | 33.8                                                            | 12.0                                                                     | 8.9                | 39.7                                                                   | 64.2                                 | 4.9                                  | 16.8                              | 8.3    |
| <b>1955-56—</b>                   |                                  |                             |        |                |                                                                 |                                                                          |                    |                                                                        |                                      |                                      |                                   |        |
| July ..                           | 48.1                             | 131.3                       | 179.4  | 103.1          | 33.2                                                            | 10.2                                                                     | 5.0                | 40.0                                                                   | 57.1                                 | 5.1                                  | 16.8                              | 8.4    |
| August ..                         | 48.6                             | 131.2                       | 179.8  | 105.4          | 32.7                                                            | 9.5                                                                      | 5.7                | 39.2                                                                   | 50.2                                 | 5.1                                  | 16.9                              | 8.7    |
| September                         | 48.9                             | 131.9                       | 180.8  | 106.0          | 32.7                                                            | 10.4                                                                     | 4.1                | 40.0                                                                   | 50.4                                 | 5.1                                  | 16.9                              | 8.8    |
| October ..                        | 48.6                             | 136.5                       | 185.1  | 105.0          | 32.7                                                            | 10.8                                                                     | 8.5                | 40.0                                                                   | 52.0                                 | 5.1                                  | 17.0                              | 8.9    |
| November                          | 48.4                             | 139.6                       | 188.0  | 105.0          | 32.7                                                            | 10.1                                                                     | 10.5               | 40.0                                                                   | 46.7                                 | 5.1                                  | 17.2                              | 9.1    |
| December f                        | 47.0                             | 140.4                       | 187.4  | 104.8          | 32.7                                                            | 10.9                                                                     | 8.0                | 40.0                                                                   | 50.4                                 | 5.1                                  | 17.3                              | 9.4    |
| January ..                        | 47.5                             | 132.5                       | 180.0  | 105.9          | 32.7                                                            | 10.6                                                                     | 2.8                | 40.1                                                                   | 66.2                                 | 5.1                                  | 17.0                              | 9.1    |
| February                          | 46.7                             | 132.9                       | 179.6  | 104.8          | 33.6                                                            | 9.8                                                                      | 4.2                | 40.1                                                                   | 98.8                                 | 5.0                                  | 16.5                              | 9.1    |

(a) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

(b) Averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays.

(c) At the beginning of July, 1952, the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the Banking Act 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly in Treasury Bills.

(d) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to building societies and *crédit foncier* loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000.

(e) Returns for fifth Wednesday not available.

(f) Returns for fourth Wednesday not available.

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# COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Including Note Issue Department.)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.(a)

(£A million.)

| Period.                               | Notes on Issue.   |                    |        | Special<br>Accounts<br>of<br>Trading<br>Banks. | Other<br>Deposits<br>of<br>Trading<br>Banks. | Other<br>Liabilities<br>(excluding<br>Capital and<br>Reserves) | Gold and<br>Balances<br>held<br>Abroad. | Government<br>and other<br>Securities<br>(including<br>Treasury<br>Bills). |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       | Held by<br>Banks. | Held by<br>Public. | Total. |                                                |                                              |                                                                |                                         |                                                                            |
| <b>Average of Weekly<br/>Figures—</b> |                   |                    |        |                                                |                                              |                                                                |                                         |                                                                            |
| 1948-49.. ..                          | 24.9              | 178.7              | 203.6  | 323.9                                          | 29.8                                         | 174.6                                                          | 336.2                                   | 356.3                                                                      |
| 1949-50.. ..                          | 27.9              | 194.3              | 222.2  | 379.6                                          | 30.7                                         | 200.3                                                          | 434.0                                   | 349.0                                                                      |
| 1950-51.. ..                          | 32.7              | 219.1              | 251.8  | 503.2                                          | 34.7                                         | 238.2                                                          | 596.3                                   | 366.6                                                                      |
| 1951-52.. ..                          | 38.1              | 255.5              | 293.6  | 468.8                                          | 31.1                                         | 270.9                                                          | 470.6                                   | 503.1                                                                      |
| 1952-53.. ..                          | 36.9              | 281.3              | 318.2  | 212.9                                          | 45.4                                         | 287.4                                                          | 363.6                                   | 434.8                                                                      |
| 1953-54.. ..                          | 38.5              | 299.7              | 338.2  | (b) 306.8                                      | 41.7                                         | 283.4                                                          | 512.6                                   | 408.0                                                                      |
| 1954-55.. ..                          | 41.1              | 316.6              | 357.7  | 306.3                                          | 36.8                                         | 243.5                                                          | 415.9                                   | 459.8                                                                      |
| <b>1953-54—</b>                       |                   |                    |        |                                                |                                              |                                                                |                                         |                                                                            |
| February ..                           | 38.5              | 298.9              | 337.4  | 317.9                                          | 46.1                                         | 262.5                                                          | 530.1                                   | 382.2                                                                      |
| March ..                              | 38.5              | 301.2              | 339.7  | 354.9                                          | 37.8                                         | 258.4                                                          | 539.6                                   | 375.1                                                                      |
| April ..                              | 39.4              | 307.3              | 346.7  | 373.9                                          | 33.5                                         | 253.9                                                          | 539.0                                   | 389.4                                                                      |
| May ..                                | 39.7              | 304.3              | 344.0  | 358.9                                          | 47.0                                         | 263.1                                                          | 540.0                                   | 404.3                                                                      |
| June ..                               | 38.7              | 305.8              | 344.5  | 353.5                                          | 43.5                                         | 266.9                                                          | 520.9                                   | 422.6                                                                      |
| <b>1954-55—</b>                       |                   |                    |        |                                                |                                              |                                                                |                                         |                                                                            |
| July ..                               | 38.8              | 307.2              | 346.0  | 348.1                                          | 36.7                                         | 250.1                                                          | 478.5                                   | 445.0                                                                      |
| August ..                             | 38.8              | 309.0              | 347.8  | 331.4                                          | 37.3                                         | 246.5                                                          | 454.0                                   | 445.8                                                                      |
| September ..                          | 38.4              | 311.1              | 349.5  | 327.3                                          | 37.5                                         | 255.2                                                          | 439.4                                   | 473.4                                                                      |
| October ..                            | 39.4              | 312.4              | 351.8  | 310.7                                          | 36.2                                         | 250.1                                                          | 426.4                                   | 470.9                                                                      |
| November ..                           | 39.4              | 313.7              | 353.1  | 306.9                                          | 38.4                                         | 249.5                                                          | 424.9                                   | 472.2                                                                      |
| December (c) ..                       | 44.5              | 322.9              | 367.4  | 295.7                                          | 36.3                                         | 235.7                                                          | 417.7                                   | 471.1                                                                      |
| January ..                            | 46.6              | 317.0              | 363.6  | 295.7                                          | 49.2                                         | 241.4                                                          | 414.9                                   | 475.0                                                                      |
| February ..                           | 40.9              | 314.3              | 355.2  | 295.7                                          | 40.8                                         | 246.7                                                          | 406.8                                   | 446.2                                                                      |
| March ..                              | 40.4              | 317.6              | 358.0  | 295.7                                          | 36.8                                         | 244.3                                                          | 403.5                                   | 438.4                                                                      |
| April ..                              | 42.5              | 324.3              | 366.8  | 295.7                                          | 26.2                                         | 231.9                                                          | 382.2                                   | 446.7                                                                      |
| May ..                                | 41.3              | 320.8              | 362.1  | 295.6                                          | 28.7                                         | 234.7                                                          | 375.8                                   | 462.7                                                                      |
| June ..                               | 40.6              | 322.5              | 363.1  | 280.7                                          | 37.1                                         | 234.5                                                          | 374.2                                   | 470.1                                                                      |
| <b>1955-56—</b>                       |                   |                    |        |                                                |                                              |                                                                |                                         |                                                                            |
| July ..                               | 40.1              | 323.8              | 363.9  | 273.1                                          | 40.5                                         | 217.1                                                          | 360.2                                   | 471.1                                                                      |
| August ..                             | 40.1              | 325.9              | 366.0  | 265.4                                          | 36.7                                         | 216.0                                                          | 343.8                                   | 486.8                                                                      |
| September ..                          | 40.2              | 328.1              | 368.3  | 265.4                                          | 36.1                                         | 205.9                                                          | 321.6                                   | 502.0                                                                      |
| October ..                            | 40.7              | 329.6              | 370.3  | 265.4                                          | 34.4                                         | 210.5                                                          | 303.3                                   | 525.4                                                                      |
| November ..                           | 41.4              | 331.4              | 372.8  | 265.4                                          | 34.8                                         | 208.7                                                          | 301.0                                   | 535.3                                                                      |
| December (d) ..                       | 48.3              | 343.5              | 391.8  | 265.4                                          | 36.5                                         | 205.2                                                          | 297.6                                   | 552.8                                                                      |
| January ..                            | 47.4              | 333.5              | 380.9  | 265.4                                          | 40.6                                         | 207.3                                                          | 298.1                                   | 534.0                                                                      |
| February ..                           | 42.8              | 330.6              | 373.4  | 281.9                                          | 33.5                                         | 211.4                                                          | 293.2                                   | 511.0                                                                      |

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays in period. (b) From 3rd December, 1953, includes Special Account of Commonwealth Trading Bank. Previously the Special Deposit Account of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank was included in "Other Liabilities". (c) Return for fifth Wednesday not available. (d) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

**ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)**  
**LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(b)**  
 (£ million.)

| Period                                | Deposits.            |                          |         | Advances. | Coin,<br>Bullion,<br>Notes and<br>Cash with<br>Common-<br>wealth<br>Bank. | Treasury<br>Bills. | Other<br>Australian<br>Government<br>and<br>Municipal<br>Securities. |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       | Bearing<br>Interest. | Not Bearing<br>Interest. | Total   |           |                                                                           |                    |                                                                      |
| <b>Average of Weekly<br/>Figures—</b> |                      |                          |         |           |                                                                           |                    |                                                                      |
| 1948-49 .. ..                         | 231.8                | 634.6                    | 866.4   | 440.2     | 58.3                                                                      | 24.0               | 109.3                                                                |
| 1949-50 .. ..                         | 249.3                | 771.2                    | 1,020.5 | 495.4     | 62.2                                                                      | 29.5               | 132.3                                                                |
| 1950-51 .. ..                         | 279.6                | 1,017.6                  | 1,297.2 | 598.4     | 71.4                                                                      | 64.0               | 129.5                                                                |
| 1951-52 .. ..                         | 271.7                | 1,091.5                  | 1,363.2 | 759.7     | 72.3                                                                      | 61.7               | 96.6                                                                 |
| 1952-53 .. ..                         | 256.8                | 1,076.3                  | 1,333.1 | (c)762.3  | (d)88.2                                                                   | (d)144.2           | (c)126.2                                                             |
| 1953-54 .. ..                         | 290.4                | 1,196.0                  | 1,486.4 | 793.7     | 87.3                                                                      | 130.1              | 174.2                                                                |
| 1954-55 .. ..                         | 322.6                | 1,220.0                  | 1,542.6 | 938.1     | 82.0                                                                      | 69.5               | 174.1                                                                |
| <b>1953-54—</b>                       |                      |                          |         |           |                                                                           |                    |                                                                      |
| February .. ..                        | 298.4                | 1,255.7                  | 1,554.1 | 793.5     | 91.2                                                                      | 179.0              | 187.6                                                                |
| March .. ..                           | 298.3                | 1,288.1                  | 1,586.4 | 802.5     | 82.2                                                                      | 163.6              | 191.2                                                                |
| April .. ..                           | 299.2                | 1,281.0                  | 1,580.2 | 823.2     | 77.9                                                                      | 121.4              | 191.3                                                                |
| May .. ..                             | 301.8                | 1,245.3                  | 1,547.1 | 835.4     | 90.7                                                                      | 93.7               | 185.3                                                                |
| June .. ..                            | 305.2                | 1,225.3                  | 1,530.5 | 845.2     | 87.1                                                                      | 80.1               | 182.6                                                                |
| <b>1954-55—</b>                       |                      |                          |         |           |                                                                           |                    |                                                                      |
| July .. ..                            | 310.1                | 1,184.6                  | 1,494.7 | 874.8     | 79.6                                                                      | 54.9               | 172.8                                                                |
| August .. ..                          | 309.5                | 1,169.5                  | 1,479.0 | 892.0     | 79.7                                                                      | 47.6               | 169.8                                                                |
| September .. ..                       | 317.7                | 1,168.0                  | 1,485.7 | 911.1     | 80.6                                                                      | 37.3               | 168.7                                                                |
| October .. ..                         | 324.6                | 1,190.3                  | 1,514.9 | 935.8     | 80.1                                                                      | 51.9               | 170.3                                                                |
| November .. ..                        | 324.4                | 1,207.4                  | 1,531.8 | 944.5     | 82.5                                                                      | 60.0               | 169.4                                                                |
| December (e) .. ..                    | 321.1                | 1,229.9                  | 1,551.0 | 946.3     | 84.8                                                                      | 67.3               | 166.7                                                                |
| January .. ..                         | 324.2                | 1,239.7                  | 1,563.9 | 931.8     | 100.9                                                                     | 90.4               | 166.7                                                                |
| February .. ..                        | 326.1                | 1,262.6                  | 1,588.7 | 935.6     | 86.9                                                                      | 116.4              | 176.2                                                                |
| March .. ..                           | 327.6                | 1,276.0                  | 1,603.6 | 940.0     | 81.0                                                                      | 118.5              | 185.3                                                                |
| April .. ..                           | 324.0                | 1,260.9                  | 1,584.9 | 963.9     | 72.0                                                                      | 86.7               | 183.5                                                                |
| May .. ..                             | 330.2                | 1,236.5                  | 1,566.7 | 983.6     | 74.1                                                                      | 65.5               | 179.2                                                                |
| June .. ..                            | 329.8                | 1,214.9                  | 1,544.7 | 990.8     | 81.8                                                                      | 40.7               | 177.8                                                                |
| <b>1955-56—</b>                       |                      |                          |         |           |                                                                           |                    |                                                                      |
| July .. ..                            | 332.4                | 1,182.3                  | 1,514.7 | 1,007.7   | 83.8                                                                      | 27.2               | 167.5                                                                |
| August .. ..                          | 329.2                | 1,167.9                  | 1,497.1 | 999.8     | 80.3                                                                      | 30.9               | 163.3                                                                |
| September .. ..                       | 326.5                | 1,164.7                  | 1,491.2 | 1,004.4   | 79.3                                                                      | 30.6               | 160.1                                                                |
| October .. ..                         | 329.1                | 1,185.9                  | 1,515.0 | 1,012.3   | 79.0                                                                      | 39.4               | 160.8                                                                |
| November .. ..                        | 326.6                | 1,210.4                  | 1,537.0 | 1,004.5   | 78.8                                                                      | 45.6               | 164.3                                                                |
| December (f) .. ..                    | 322.6                | 1,240.8                  | 1,563.4 | 995.2     | 86.5                                                                      | 56.4               | 165.0                                                                |
| January .. ..                         | 325.1                | 1,243.8                  | 1,568.9 | 966.3     | 91.5                                                                      | 98.9               | 168.3                                                                |
| February .. ..                        | 322.9                | 1,248.9                  | 1,571.8 | 954.4     | 81.2                                                                      | 120.8              | 172.1                                                                |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Trading Bank from 3rd December, 1953), the General Bank Department of The Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of The Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 48. (c) See note (d), page 48. (d) See note (c), page 48. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing return for fifth Wednesday. (f) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

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# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

## DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

| Period.                           | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total. |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |        |
| 1948-49.. ..                      | 83.1             | 74.3      | 24.3        | 15.5             | 10.7               | 4.7       | 0.2                           | 212.8  |
| 1949-50.. ..                      | 104.9            | 97.8      | 29.5        | 19.3             | 13.7               | 5.6       | 0.3                           | 271.1  |
| 1950-51.. ..                      | 145.1            | 134.9     | 39.0        | 26.8             | 19.3               | 7.4       | 0.4                           | 372.9  |
| 1951-52.. ..                      | 156.6            | 142.3     | 41.5        | 30.8             | 21.8               | 8.9       | 0.5                           | 402.4  |
| 1952-53.. ..                      | 151.9            | 132.0     | 43.8        | 30.1             | 22.1               | 8.8       | 0.6                           | 389.3  |
| 1953-54.. ..                      | 171.7            | 154.9     | 51.0        | 32.8             | 25.4               | 9.9       | 0.8                           | 446.5  |
| 1954-55.. ..                      | 187.5            | 176.2     | 53.9        | 36.3             | 26.2               | 10.7      | 0.8                           | 491.6  |
| <b>1953-54—</b>                   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |        |
| February ..                       | 164.8            | 156.5     | 47.8        | 34.4             | 25.6               | 9.0       | 0.6                           | 438.7  |
| March ..                          | 184.7            | 180.4     | 48.4        | 36.3             | 26.8               | 12.0      | 0.7                           | 489.3  |
| April ..                          | 166.2            | 165.1     | 47.8        | 33.6             | 25.8               | 10.3      | 1.0                           | 449.8  |
| May ..                            | 183.0            | 177.3     | 54.4        | 36.4             | 26.9               | 11.8      | 0.8                           | 490.6  |
| June ..                           | 194.9            | 171.7     | 59.3        | 36.2             | 26.1               | 11.1      | 0.7                           | 500.0  |
| <b>1954-55—</b>                   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |        |
| July ..                           | 181.8            | 161.0     | 56.0        | 34.9             | 26.2               | 10.7      | 0.7                           | 471.3  |
| August ..                         | 170.6            | 156.5     | 49.5        | 32.1             | 24.3               | 9.8       | 0.6                           | 443.4  |
| September ..                      | 179.7            | 168.5     | 54.1        | 34.5             | 25.4               | 9.8       | 0.7                           | 472.7  |
| October ..                        | 190.3            | 178.0     | 56.3        | 35.5             | 26.8               | 10.0      | 0.7                           | 497.6  |
| November ..                       | 185.8            | 170.4     | 54.8        | 36.2             | 25.6               | 9.9       | 0.7                           | 483.4  |
| December ..                       | 194.5            | 184.4     | 55.6        | 37.5             | 27.1               | 11.0      | 0.9                           | 511.0  |
| January ..                        | 173.8            | 165.9     | 52.0        | 34.3             | 27.6               | 9.2       | 0.9                           | 463.7  |
| February ..                       | 188.3            | 188.8     | 53.3        | 37.1             | 26.3               | 10.1      | 0.8                           | 504.7  |
| <b>March (b) ..</b>               | 186.0            | 187.1     | 50.3        | 38.5             | 27.1               | 12.0      | 0.9                           | 501.9  |
| April ..                          | 185.5            | 174.6     | 51.4        | 36.1             | 25.9               | 10.7      | 0.9                           | 485.1  |
| May ..                            | 203.3            | 191.7     | 56.5        | 39.3             | 28.2               | 12.1      | 1.0                           | 532.1  |
| June ..                           | 206.0            | 182.3     | 56.6        | 38.5             | 25.0               | 12.6      | 0.9                           | 521.9  |
| <b>1955-56—</b>                   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |        |
| July ..                           | 201.7            | 183.8     | 59.4        | 37.8             | 26.1               | 11.0      | 0.9                           | 520.7  |
| August ..                         | 186.9            | 167.3     | 53.2        | 36.0             | 23.9               | 11.1      | 0.9                           | 479.3  |
| September ..                      | 193.7            | 169.3     | 56.7        | 36.3             | 25.5               | 10.8      | 1.0                           | 493.3  |
| October ..                        | 202.9            | 183.8     | 57.0        | 37.6             | 25.9               | 11.0      | 1.0                           | 519.2  |
| November ..                       | 216.1            | 196.1     | 57.7        | 41.6             | 27.7               | 11.2      | 1.0                           | 551.4  |
| December ..                       | 214.1            | 205.2     | 59.6        | 42.6             | 28.8               | 11.8      | 1.0                           | 563.1  |
| January ..                        | 183.9            | 172.2     | 52.9        | 39.3             | 30.0               | 10.4      | 1.1                           | 489.8  |
| February ..                       | 187.1            | 184.0     | 50.9        | 39.8             | 27.8               | 10.9      | 1.0                           | 501.5  |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 50, the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from March, 1955.

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# SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

(£ million.)

| At end of— | Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks. |           |                  |                     |                       |           |                        |                                     |            | War Savings<br>and Savings<br>Certificates—<br>Net Amount<br>Outstanding. |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|            | New South<br>Wales.                  | Victoria. | Queens-<br>land. | South<br>Australia. | Western<br>Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern<br>Territory. | Australian<br>Capital<br>Territory. | Australia. |                                                                           |
| 1936-37 .. | 82.0                                 | 75.7      | 27.3             | 26.5                | 11.8                  | 7.2       | 0.1                    | 0.3                                 | 230.9      | ..                                                                        |
| 1937-38 .. | 86.0                                 | 78.9      | 28.2             | 27.2                | 12.0                  | 7.7       | 0.1                    | 0.3                                 | 240.4      | ..                                                                        |
| 1938-39 .. | 87.5                                 | 80.5      | 29.0             | 27.4                | 12.4                  | 8.4       | 0.1                    | 0.3                                 | 245.6      | ..                                                                        |
| 1948-49 .. | 244.5                                | 239.3     | 87.4             | 81.2                | 37.5                  | 22.4      | 0.7                    | 1.2                                 | 714.2      | 62.2                                                                      |
| 1949-50 .. | 258.9                                | 257.1     | 92.2             | 87.7                | 39.6                  | 24.3      | 0.9                    | 1.4                                 | 762.1      | 55.0                                                                      |
| 1950-51 .. | 284.5                                | 281.8     | 98.8             | 97.8                | 44.7                  | 27.1      | 1.0                    | 1.7                                 | 837.4      | 48.1                                                                      |
| 1951-52 .. | 304.5                                | 300.8     | 102.7            | 103.7               | 47.2                  | 30.1      | 1.1                    | 1.8                                 | 891.9      | 41.8                                                                      |
| 1952-53 .. | 319.1                                | 320.0     | 109.4            | 113.9               | 49.8                  | 32.1      | 1.1                    | 2.1                                 | 947.5      | 35.6                                                                      |
| 1953-54 .. | 339.8                                | 339.8     | 117.4            | 122.9               | 52.6                  | 34.0      | 1.3                    | 2.3                                 | 1,010.1    | 30.3                                                                      |
| 1954-55 .. | 358.6                                | 364.8     | 124.8            | 131.7               | 53.6                  | 35.8      | 1.5                    | 2.6                                 | 1,073.4    | 26.7                                                                      |
| 1953-54—   |                                      |           |                  |                     |                       |           |                        |                                     |            |                                                                           |
| February   | 332.4                                | 329.4     | 114.4            | 119.1               | 51.4                  | 33.3      | 1.2                    | 2.3                                 | 983.5      | 31.7                                                                      |
| March ..   | 331.3                                | 329.0     | 114.3            | 119.1               | 51.1                  | 33.3      | 1.2                    | 2.3                                 | 981.6      | 31.3                                                                      |
| April ..   | 332.3                                | 330.0     | 114.3            | 119.4               | 51.3                  | 33.4      | 1.2                    | 2.3                                 | 984.2      | 30.9                                                                      |
| May ..     | 333.3                                | 332.6     | 114.9            | 120.2               | 51.7                  | 33.6      | 1.2                    | 2.3                                 | 989.8      | 30.6                                                                      |
| June ..    | 339.8                                | 339.8     | 117.4            | 122.9               | 52.6                  | 34.0      | 1.3                    | 2.3                                 | 1,010.1    | 30.3                                                                      |
| 1954-55—   |                                      |           |                  |                     |                       |           |                        |                                     |            |                                                                           |
| July ..    | 341.9                                | 341.8     | 119.0            | 124.3               | 52.7                  | 34.3      | 1.3                    | 2.4                                 | 1,017.7    | 30.0                                                                      |
| August ..  | 343.1                                | 344.7     | 120.4            | 125.0               | 53.1                  | 34.8      | 1.3                    | 2.4                                 | 1,024.8    | 29.7                                                                      |
| September  | 344.3                                | 346.6     | 121.4            | 125.5               | 53.1                  | 34.9      | 1.3                    | 2.5                                 | 1,029.6    | 29.3                                                                      |
| October    | 346.7                                | 348.4     | 122.2            | 126.4               | 53.3                  | 34.8      | 1.3                    | 2.5                                 | 1,035.6    | 28.9                                                                      |
| November   | 347.2                                | 350.0     | 122.9            | 126.5               | 53.3                  | 34.7      | 1.4                    | 2.5                                 | 1,038.5    | 28.7                                                                      |
| December   | 347.8                                | 350.9     | 123.4            | 126.5               | 52.9                  | 34.7      | 1.4                    | 2.5                                 | 1,040.1    | 28.3                                                                      |
| January    | 350.2                                | 353.2     | 123.4            | 127.5               | 53.1                  | 34.8      | 1.3                    | 2.5                                 | 1,046.0    | 28.0                                                                      |
| February   | 350.7                                | 354.0     | 122.6            | 128.2               | 52.7                  | 35.0      | 1.4                    | 2.5                                 | 1,047.1    | 27.7                                                                      |
| March      | 350.9                                | 354.5     | 122.2            | 128.5               | 52.5                  | 35.1      | 1.4                    | 2.5                                 | 1,047.6    | 27.5                                                                      |
| April ..   | 352.5                                | 356.7     | 122.5            | 129.0               | 52.7                  | 35.4      | 1.4                    | 2.5                                 | 1,052.7    | 27.2                                                                      |
| May ..     | 351.4                                | 357.3     | 122.1            | 128.9               | 52.5                  | 35.4      | 1.4                    | 2.5                                 | 1,051.5    | 26.9                                                                      |
| June ..    | 358.6                                | 364.8     | 124.8            | 131.7               | 53.6                  | 35.8      | 1.5                    | 2.6                                 | 1,073.4    | 26.6                                                                      |
| 1955-56—   |                                      |           |                  |                     |                       |           |                        |                                     |            |                                                                           |
| July ..    | 360.4                                | 366.9     | 126.3            | 132.6               | 54.2                  | 36.2      | 1.5                    | 2.6                                 | 1,080.7    | 26.3                                                                      |
| August     | 358.9                                | 367.3     | 126.7            | 132.5               | 54.3                  | 36.7      | 1.6                    | 2.7                                 | 1,080.7    | 26.0                                                                      |
| September  | 359.5                                | 368.9     | 126.5            | 132.9               | 54.6                  | 36.7      | 1.6                    | 2.7                                 | 1,083.4    | 25.7                                                                      |
| October    | 362.3                                | 370.1     | 127.6            | 133.6               | 54.9                  | 36.8      | 1.5                    | 2.7                                 | 1,089.5    | 25.4                                                                      |
| November   | 361.8                                | 371.1     | 127.7            | 132.9               | 54.7                  | 36.5      | 1.5                    | 2.7                                 | 1,088.9    | 25.2                                                                      |
| December   | 364.1                                | 371.4     | 128.1            | 132.8               | 54.4                  | 36.4      | 1.5                    | 2.7                                 | 1,091.4    | 24.9                                                                      |
| January    | 367.3                                | 371.5     | 127.9            | 132.7               | 54.7                  | 36.3      | 43                     |                                     | 1,094.7    | 24.6                                                                      |
| February   | 371.2                                | 373.5     | 128.2            | 132.9               | 55.0                  | 36.6      | 43                     |                                     | 1,101.7    | 24.4                                                                      |

(a) Interest added 1953-54, £17.8m; 1954-55, £19.9m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

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# LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

| Period.                 | New Policies Issued.(b) |              |                        |             | Premiums.(c)         |                        | Claims, &c., Paid.(d) |                        | New Loans Granted.<br>(e) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
|                         | Ordinary Department.    |              | Industrial Department. |             | Ordinary Department. | Industrial Department. | Ordinary Department.  | Industrial Department. |                           |
|                         | Number.                 | Sum Assured. | Number.                | Sum Assured |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
|                         |                         | £'000.       |                        | £'000.      | £'000.               | £'000.                 | £'000.                | £'000.                 | £'000.                    |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                         |              |                        |             |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| 1937 .. ..              | 12,296                  | 4,120        | 36,148                 | 1,684       | 1,045                | 474                    | 747                   | 223                    | n.a.                      |
| 1938 .. ..              | 11,470                  | 3,867        | 32,757                 | 1,530       | 1,075                | 617                    | 781                   | 246                    | n.a.                      |
| 1939 .. ..              | 11,293                  | 3,886        | 32,125                 | 1,545       | 1,144                | 541                    | 835                   | 303                    | n.a.                      |
|                         |                         |              |                        |             |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| 1948-49.. ..            | 20,201                  | 10,618       | 25,254                 | 2,458       | 2,539                | 967                    | 1,112                 | 497                    | 1,476                     |
| 1949-50.. ..            | 20,538                  | 12,243       | 24,999                 | 2,509       | 2,877                | 1,003                  | 1,224                 | 512                    | 2,778                     |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 21,642                  | 15,206       | 22,713                 | 2,423       | 3,210                | 1,043                  | 1,310                 | 491                    | 3,893                     |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 23,607                  | 18,464       | 23,216                 | 2,817       | 3,651                | 1,102                  | 1,441                 | 546                    | 3,963                     |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 23,643                  | 18,828       | 22,853                 | 2,946       | 4,186                | 1,147                  | 1,576                 | 619                    | 3,011                     |
| 1953-54.. ..            | 23,712                  | 21,177       | 19,974                 | 2,715       | 4,680                | 1,173                  | 1,763                 | 672                    | 2,872                     |
| 1954-55.. ..            | 23,505                  | 24,432       | 18,415                 | 2,734       | 5,175                | 1,218                  | 1,983                 | 738                    | 4,319                     |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                         |              |                        |             |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| 1953-54—                |                         |              |                        |             |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| January .. ..           | 13,604                  | 10,818       | 6,904                  | 896         | 3,771                | 640                    | 1,327                 | 501                    | 2,017                     |
| February .. ..          | 16,169                  | 13,397       | 17,919                 | 2,412       | 3,812                | 1,282                  | 1,493                 | 611                    | 1,880                     |
| March .. ..             | 21,794                  | 18,880       | 24,477                 | 3,386       | 4,926                | 1,274                  | 2,012                 | 735                    | 3,535                     |
| April .. ..             | 21,324                  | 20,967       | 18,942                 | 2,664       | 4,433                | 1,122                  | 1,579                 | 643                    | 3,233                     |
| May .. ..               | 25,064                  | 21,380       | 22,500                 | 3,121       | 5,183                | 1,178                  | 1,840                 | 744                    | 3,013                     |
| June .. ..              | 25,806                  | 23,759       | 21,076                 | 2,844       | 6,072                | 1,200                  | 1,991                 | 726                    | 3,418                     |
|                         |                         |              |                        |             |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| 1954-55—                |                         |              |                        |             |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| July .. ..              | 27,010                  | 26,383       | 18,704                 | 2,627       | 5,166                | 1,189                  | 2,111                 | 805                    | 3,624                     |
| August .. ..            | 25,513                  | 23,916       | 21,284                 | 3,113       | 5,102                | 1,191                  | 2,042                 | 779                    | 3,312                     |
| September .. ..         | 30,787                  | 31,146       | 29,567                 | 4,312       | 5,137                | 1,327                  | 2,120                 | 724                    | 3,627                     |
| October .. ..           | 22,427                  | 20,953       | 17,126                 | 2,485       | 4,617                | 1,210                  | 1,969                 | 744                    | 4,440                     |
| November .. ..          | 22,973                  | 22,321       | 19,599                 | 2,874       | 4,885                | 1,315                  | 1,823                 | 795                    | 4,149                     |
| December .. ..          | 31,474                  | 37,228       | 16,406                 | 2,661       | 5,592                | 1,489                  | 2,320                 | 638                    | 4,806                     |
| January .. ..           | 11,188                  | 10,383       | 4,967                  | 720         | 4,153                | 675                    | 1,293                 | 559                    | 2,962                     |
|                         |                         |              |                        |             |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| February .. ..          | 16,358                  | 15,828       | 17,464                 | 2,541       | 4,498                | 1,181                  | 1,764                 | 736                    | 3,731                     |
| March .. ..             | 22,932                  | 23,258       | 18,489                 | 2,687       | 5,340                | 1,258                  | 2,161                 | 814                    | 5,111                     |
| April .. ..             | 19,535                  | 20,126       | 17,156                 | 2,688       | 4,750                | 1,162                  | 1,849                 | 666                    | 4,875                     |
| May .. ..               | 24,860                  | 31,169       | 19,992                 | 2,982       | 6,112                | 1,260                  | 2,157                 | 798                    | 4,327                     |
| June .. ..              | 27,002                  | 29,666       | 20,225                 | 3,119       | 6,749                | 1,359                  | 2,182                 | 795                    | 6,861                     |
|                         |                         |              |                        |             |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| 1955-56—                |                         |              |                        |             |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| July .. ..              | 29,780                  | 31,298       | 17,383                 | 2,649       | 5,812                | 1,181                  | 2,424                 | 842                    | 4,083                     |
| August .. ..            | 28,314                  | 30,682       | 21,003                 | 3,316       | 5,702                | 1,182                  | 2,322                 | 864                    | 5,217                     |
| September .. ..         | 35,366                  | 36,605       | 22,065                 | 3,476       | 6,072                | 1,272                  | 2,415                 | 814                    | 5,191                     |
| October .. ..           | 20,584                  | 22,642       | 19,056                 | 2,887       | 5,192                | 1,262                  | 2,020                 | 821                    | 4,447                     |
| November .. ..          | 25,697                  | 26,896       | 18,249                 | 2,846       | 5,352                | 1,284                  | 2,177                 | 784                    | 6,011                     |
| December .. ..          | 27,944                  | 45,467       | 17,075                 | 2,864       | 6,340                | 1,558                  | 2,584                 | 706                    | 5,473                     |
| January .. ..           | 13,527                  | 14,085       | 3,568                  | 507         | 4,786                | 641                    | 1,619                 | 595                    | 3,518                     |

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.  
 (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

# EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

| Period.         | Exchange Rates.(a)      |                         |                            | Gold Prices.(a)  |                    | Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates. |                         | Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                 | Australia on London.(b) | London on New York. (b) | Australia on New York. (c) | Australia.       | London.            | Short Dated 2 years.(d)                                                 | Long Dated 12 years.(d) |                                                       |
|                 | £A. per £100 Stg.       | \$ per £Stg.            | \$ per £A.                 | £A. per fine oz. | £Stg. per fine oz. | Per cent.                                                               | Per cent.               | Per cent. (e)                                         |
| 1936-37 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.939                   | 3.929                      | 8.761            | 7.041              | (f) 3.57                                                                | (g) 3.94                | (h) 5.3                                               |
| 1937-38 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.980                   | 3.961                      | 8.690            | 7.001              | (f) 3.30                                                                | (g) 3.71                | (h) 5.3                                               |
| 1938-39 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.738                   | 3.759                      | 9.137            | 7.340              | (f) 3.67                                                                | (g) 3.84                | (i) 5.5                                               |
| 1948-49 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.030                   | 3.204                      | 10.763           | 8.613              | 2.07                                                                    | 3.12                    | (i) 4.4                                               |
| 1949-50 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 3.074                   | 2.445                      | 14.443           | 11.557             | 1.95                                                                    | 3.13                    | 4.4                                                   |
| 1950-51 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.800                   | 2.228                      | 15.492           | 12.400             | 1.99                                                                    | 3.21                    | 4.4                                                   |
| 1951-52 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.796                   | 2.224                      | 15.492           | 12.400             | 2.05                                                                    | 3.95                    | 4.4                                                   |
| 1952-53 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.804                   | 2.231                      | 15.492           | 12.400             | 3.03                                                                    | 4.54                    | 4.7                                                   |
| 1953-54 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.813                   | 2.238                      | 15.514           | 12.411             | 3.10                                                                    | 4.44                    | 4.9                                                   |
| 1954-55 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.797                   | 2.226                      | 15.625           | 12.536             | 3.49                                                                    | 4.50                    | 5.2                                                   |
| 1953-54—        |                         |                         |                            |                  |                    |                                                                         |                         | (i) (j)                                               |
| February .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.813                   | 2.239                      | 15.492           | 12.400             | 3.08                                                                    | 4.40                    | 4.8                                                   |
| March .. ..     | 125.25                  | 2.815                   | 2.240                      | 15.492           | 12.407             | 3.17                                                                    | 4.47                    | 4.9                                                   |
| April .. ..     | 125.25                  | 2.818                   | 2.243                      | 15.492           | 12.437             | 3.24                                                                    | 4.46                    | 4.9                                                   |
| May .. ..       | 125.25                  | 2.819                   | 2.243                      | 15.625           | 12.445             | 3.34                                                                    | 4.47                    | 5.0                                                   |
| June .. ..      | 125.25                  | 2.818                   | 2.243                      | 15.625           | 12.444             | 3.42                                                                    | 4.40                    | 5.0                                                   |
| 1954-55—        |                         |                         |                            |                  |                    |                                                                         |                         |                                                       |
| July .. ..      | 125.25                  | 2.818                   | 2.242                      | 15.625           | 12.449             | 3.54                                                                    | 4.47                    | 5.0                                                   |
| August .. ..    | 125.25                  | 2.813                   | 2.239                      | 15.625           | 12.458             | 3.47                                                                    | 4.49                    | 5.0                                                   |
| September .. .. | 125.25                  | 2.801                   | 2.229                      | 15.625           | 12.522             | 3.56                                                                    | 4.48                    | 5.0                                                   |
| October .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.798                   | 2.226                      | 15.625           | 12.541             | 3.43                                                                    | 4.49                    | 5.0                                                   |
| November .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.795                   | 2.224                      | 15.625           | 12.541             | 3.39                                                                    | 4.50                    | 5.1                                                   |
| December .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.788                   | 2.218                      | 15.625           | 12.566             | 3.48                                                                    | 4.52                    | 5.2                                                   |
| January .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.786                   | 2.217                      | 15.625           | 12.580             | 3.35                                                                    | 4.49                    | 5.3                                                   |
| February .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.784                   | 2.218                      | 15.625           | 12.589             | 3.29                                                                    | 4.49                    | 5.3                                                   |
| March .. ..     | 125.25                  | 2.792                   | 2.220                      | 15.625           | 12.557             | 3.49                                                                    | 4.53                    | 5.3                                                   |
| April .. ..     | 125.25                  | 2.797                   | 2.226                      | 15.625           | 12.533             | 3.55                                                                    | 4.53                    | 5.4                                                   |
| May .. ..       | 125.25                  | 2.796                   | 2.225                      | 15.625           | 12.534             | 3.61                                                                    | 4.49                    | 5.4                                                   |
| June .. ..      | 125.25                  | 2.790                   | 2.220                      | 15.625           | 12.560             | 3.74                                                                    | 4.53                    | 5.5                                                   |
| 1955-56—        |                         |                         |                            |                  |                    |                                                                         |                         |                                                       |
| July .. ..      | 125.25                  | 2.785                   | 2.217                      | 15.625           | 12.583             | 3.91                                                                    | 4.53                    | 5.5                                                   |
| August .. ..    | 125.25                  | 2.787                   | 2.218                      | 15.625           | 12.569             | 4.08                                                                    | 4.51                    | 5.5                                                   |
| September .. .. | 125.25                  | 2.786                   | 2.217                      | 15.625           | 12.556             | 4.23                                                                    | 4.51                    | 5.5                                                   |
| October .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.739                   | 2.222                      | 15.625           | 12.528             | 3.96                                                                    | 4.53                    | 5.6                                                   |
| November .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.802                   | 2.230                      | 15.625           | 12.477             | 4.07                                                                    | 4.52                    | 5.6                                                   |
| December .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.803                   | 2.230                      | 15.625           | 12.478             | 4.19                                                                    | 4.53                    | 5.7                                                   |
| January .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.807                   | 2.234                      | 15.625           | 12.465             | 4.13                                                                    | 4.54                    | 5.8                                                   |
| February .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.807                   | 2.233                      | 15.625           | 12.466             | 4.26                                                                    | 4.57                    | 5.8                                                   |

(a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Weighted average twelve months. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Urban securities only. (i) Rural and urban securities. In previous issues this series related to urban securities only. (j) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

# INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

| Date of Change in Rate. | Trading Banks—  |           |            |            |                                |                        | Common-wealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate). | Treasury Bills (Discount Rate). | Common-wealth Loans (Long Term). |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                         | Fixed Deposits— |           |            |            | Overdrafts.                    |                        |                                                     |                                 |                                  |
|                         | 3 months.       | 6 months. | 12 months. | 24 months. | Common-wealth Trading Bank.(a) | Private Trading Banks. |                                                     |                                 |                                  |
| 1937—27th April ..      | 2.00            | 2.50      | 2.75       | 3.00       | 4.25                           | (b)                    | 2.00                                                | 1.75                            | 3.88                             |
| 30th November           | 2.00            | 2.50      | 2.75       | 3.00       | 4.25                           |                        | 2.00                                                | 1.75                            | 3.75                             |
| 1938—9th November       | 2.00            | 2.50      | 2.75       | 3.00       | 4.25                           |                        | 2.00                                                | 1.75                            | 3.88                             |
| 1940—24th January..     | 1.75            | 2.25      | 2.50       | 2.75       | 4.25                           |                        | 2.00                                                | 1.75                            | 3.88                             |
| 1st March ..            | 1.75            | 2.25      | 2.50       | 2.75       | 4.25                           |                        | 2.00                                                | 1.75                            | 3.63                             |
| 28th May ..             | 1.50            | 2.00      | 2.25       | 2.50       | (c)4.25                        | (c)                    | 2.00                                                | 1.50                            | 3.25                             |
| 1941—22nd Sept. ..      | 1.50            | 1.75      | 2.00       | 2.25       | 4.25                           |                        | 2.00                                                | 1.50                            | 3.25                             |
| 1942—14th March ..      | 1.25            | 1.50      | 1.75       | 2.00       | 4.25                           |                        | 2.00                                                | 1.50                            | 3.25                             |
| 1943—1st May ..         | 1.25            | 1.50      | 1.75       | 2.00       | 4.25                           |                        | 2.00                                                | 1.25                            | 3.25                             |
| 1944—17th January..     | 1.00            | 1.25      | 1.50       | 2.00       | 4.25                           |                        | 2.00                                                | 1.25                            | 3.25                             |
| 11th August ..          | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       | 4.25                           | 4.75                   | 2.00                                                | 1.25                            | 3.25                             |
| 1945—1st March ..       | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       | 4.25                           | 4.75                   | 2.00                                                | 1.00                            | 3.25                             |
| 1st December            | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (d)1.50    | 4.25                           | 4.75                   | 2.00                                                | 1.00                            | 3.25                             |
| 1946—20th November      | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (d)1.50    | 4.25                           | 4.75                   | 2.00                                                | 1.00                            | 3.13                             |
| 1947—1st January ..     | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (d)1.50    | 4.25                           | 4.50                   | 2.00                                                | 1.00                            | 3.13                             |
| 1949—1st May ..         | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (d)1.50    | 4.25                           | 4.50                   | 2.00                                                | 0.75                            | 3.13                             |
| 1951—21st August ..     | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (d)1.50    | 4.25                           | 4.50                   | 2.00                                                | 0.75                            | 3.75                             |
| 1952—29th July ..       | 1.00            | 1.25      | 1.50       | (e)1.75    | 4.75                           | 5.00                   | 2.25                                                | 1.00                            | 3.75                             |
| 25th November           | 1.00            | 1.25      | 1.50       | (e)1.75    | 4.75                           | 5.00                   | 2.25                                                | 1.00                            | 4.50                             |
| 1955—1st January ..     | 1.25            | 1.50      | 1.75       | 2.00       | 4.75                           | 5.00                   | 2.50                                                | 1.00                            | 4.50                             |

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent. (c) Since July, 1940, rate for Municipal and Semi-Government Authorities, 0.25 per cent. lower. (d) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (e) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000.

## COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

| Date.         | Common-wealth. | States. | Total.  | Date.         | Common-wealth. | States. | Total.  |
|---------------|----------------|---------|---------|---------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 30th June—    |                |         |         | 1954-55—      |                |         |         |
| 1937 ..       | ..             | 46,408  | 46,408  | 31st Oct. ..  | 200,000        | ..      | 200,000 |
| 1938 ..       | ..             | 46,598  | 46,598  | 30th Nov. ..  | 195,000        | ..      | 195,000 |
| 1939 ..       | ..             | 50,228  | 50,228  | 31st Dec. ..  | 215,000        | ..      | 215,000 |
|               |                |         |         | 31st Jan. ..  | 230,000        | ..      | 230,000 |
| 1949 ..       | 123,280        | ..      | 123,280 | 28th Feb. ..  | 225,000        | ..      | 225,000 |
| 1950 ..       | 108,280        | ..      | 108,280 | 31st March .. | 220,000        | ..      | 220,000 |
| 1951 ..       | 108,280        | 2,400   | 110,680 | 30th April .. | 210,000        | ..      | 210,000 |
| 1952 ..       | 153,280        | ..      | 153,280 | 31st May ..   | 165,000        | ..      | 165,000 |
| 1953 ..       | 225,000        | ..      | 225,000 | 30th June ..  | 160,000        | ..      | 160,000 |
| 1954 ..       | 190,000        | ..      | 190,000 |               |                |         |         |
| 1955 ..       | 160,000        | ..      | 160,000 | 1955-56—      |                |         |         |
| 1953-54—      |                |         |         | 31st July ..  | 150,000        | ..      | 150,000 |
| 31st March .. | 205,000        | 1,000   | 206,000 | 31st August   | 155,000        | ..      | 155,000 |
| 30th April .. | 185,000        | ..      | 185,000 | 30th Sept. .. | 180,000        | 2,400   | 182,400 |
| 31st May ..   | 190,000        | ..      | 190,000 | 31st Oct. ..  | 195,000        | 2,900   | 197,900 |
| 30th June ..  | 190,000        | ..      | 190,000 | 30th Nov. ..  | 210,000        | 5,900   | 215,900 |
| 1954-55—      |                |         |         | 31st Dec. ..  | 255,000        | 7,400   | 262,400 |
| 31st July ..  | 155,000        | ..      | 155,000 | 31st Jan. ..  | 255,000        | 7,400   | 262,400 |
| 31st August   | 140,000        | ..      | 140,000 | 29th Feb. ..  | 265,000        | 7,400   | 272,400 |
| 30th Sept. .. | 185,000        | ..      | 185,000 |               |                |         |         |

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills  
For meaning of symbol .., see page 1



# COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE. (a)

(£ million.)

| Period.               | New South<br>Wales.(b) | Victoria. | Queens-<br>land. | South<br>Australia. | Western<br>Australia. | Tasmania. | Six<br>States. | Common-<br>wealth. | Grand<br>Total.(a) |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| REVENUE.              |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |           |                |                    |                    |
| 1936-37 .. ..         | 49.2                   | 27.2      | 16.5             | 11.7                | 10.2                  | 3.5       | 118.3          | 82.8               | 191.1              |
| 1937-38 .. ..         | 53.6                   | 27.6      | 17.3             | 12.5                | 10.8                  | 3.6       | 125.4          | 89.5               | 204.8              |
| 1938-39 .. ..         | 51.1                   | 27.0      | 19.3             | 12.3                | 11.0                  | 3.6       | 124.3          | 95.1               | 209.6              |
| 1949-50 .. ..         | 106.5                  | 55.6      | 37.1             | 26.3                | 26.0                  | 7.1       | 258.6          | 580.7              | 746.6              |
| 1950-51 .. ..         | 128.3                  | 63.5      | 44.7             | 31.1                | 29.0                  | 7.8       | 304.4          | 841.8              | 1,032.0            |
| 1951-52 .. ..         | 167.1                  | 81.7      | 55.7             | 37.5                | 34.0                  | 10.5      | 386.5          | 1,016.8            | 1,260.1            |
| 1952-53 .. ..         | 180.9                  | 97.0      | 63.2             | 44.2                | 38.7                  | 12.1      | 436.1          | 1,040.1            | 1,310.7            |
| 1953-54 .. ..         | 186.6                  | 106.7     | 69.7             | 48.4                | 43.6                  | 13.3      | 468.3          | 1,022.8            | 1,320.3            |
| 1954-55 .. ..         | 193.0                  | 116.8     | 73.8             | 48.7                | 46.1                  | 14.5      | 492.9          | 1,067.4            | p1,384.8           |
| 1955-56 (Estimate) .. | 205.6                  | 123.0     | 77.3             | 55.7                | 49.3                  | 16.9      | 527.8          | 1,123.8            | p1,462.7           |
| 1953-54—              |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |           |                |                    |                    |
| July—December ..      | 85.4                   | 43.4      | 33.0             | 21.3                | 19.8                  | 5.6       | 208.5          | 406.8              | 544.1              |
| —January ..           | 98.5                   | 50.8      | 38.1             | 25.1                | 23.0                  | 6.5       | 242.0          | 472.4              | 631.4              |
| —February ..          | 112.8                  | 58.2      | 42.3             | 28.8                | 26.1                  | 7.3       | 275.5          | 535.8              | 716.6              |
| 1954-55—              |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |           |                |                    |                    |
| July—December ..      | 90.0                   | 49.9      | 35.1             | 21.5                | 21.5                  | 6.0       | 224.0          | 406.5              | 568.2              |
| —January ..           | 103.0                  | 57.5      | 40.5             | 25.3                | 25.1                  | 7.0       | 258.4          | 482.1              | 656.0              |
| —February ..          | 118.9                  | 65.7      | 45.5             | 29.2                | 28.5                  | 8.0       | 295.8          | 555.2              | 753.7              |
| 1955-56—              |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |           |                |                    |                    |
| July—December ..      | 93.4                   | 51.1      | 35.6             | 23.8                | 22.8                  | 7.6       | 234.3          | 426.5              | 582.3              |
| —January ..           | 108.4                  | 59.4      | 40.9             | 28.9                | 26.9                  | 8.8       | 273.3          | 507.6              | 689.3              |
| —February ..          | 123.1                  | 68.1      | 45.9             |                     | 30.9                  | 10.0      |                | 588.4              |                    |
| EXPENDITURE.          |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |           |                |                    |                    |
| 1936-37 .. ..         | 49.2                   | 27.2      | 16.8             | 11.6                | 10.6                  | 3.4       | 118.8          | 81.5               | 190.3              |
| 1937-38 .. ..         | 53.5                   | 27.6      | 17.6             | 12.4                | 10.8                  | 3.6       | 125.5          | 86.0               | 201.4              |
| 1938-39 .. ..         | 53.6                   | 27.8      | 19.3             | 12.7                | 11.2                  | 3.6       | 128.2          | 94.4               | 212.8              |
| 1949-50 .. ..         | 107.7                  | 55.8      | 37.1             | 26.6                | 26.0                  | 7.3       | 260.5          | 580.7              | 748.4              |
| 1950-51 .. ..         | 128.3                  | 63.9      | 44.6             | 30.8                | 28.8                  | 8.1       | 304.5          | 841.8              | 1,032.0            |
| 1951-52 .. ..         | 167.0                  | 84.1      | 55.7             | 37.5                | 34.5                  | 10.9      | 389.7          | 1,016.8            | 1,263.3            |
| 1952-53 .. ..         | 180.8                  | 97.4      | 63.0             | 44.2                | 39.2                  | 11.8      | 436.4          | 1,026.7            | 1,297.6            |
| 1953-54 .. ..         | 186.5                  | 106.0     | 69.3             | 46.6                | 43.7                  | 13.3      | 465.4          | 966.5              | 1,261.1            |
| 1954-55 .. ..         | 195.2                  | 115.5     | 73.6             | 50.9                | 46.6                  | 14.7      | 496.5          | 997.3              | p1,318.3           |
| 1955-56 (Estimate) .. | 207.8                  | 124.8     | 77.3             | 56.4                | 49.8                  | 17.5      | 533.6          | 1,123.6            | p1,468.4           |
| 1953-54—              |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |           |                |                    |                    |
| July—December ..      | 88.0                   | 49.3      | 33.2             | 22.2                | 21.7                  | 6.2       | 220.6          | 435.2              | 584.7              |
| —January ..           | 100.4                  | 56.4      | 37.8             | 25.5                | 25.0                  | 7.1       | 252.2          | 504.4              | 673.6              |
| —February ..          | 115.3                  | 63.9      | 43.2             | 29.1                | 28.3                  | 8.0       | 287.8          | 570.5              | 763.6              |
| 1954-55—              |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |           |                |                    |                    |
| July—December ..      | 93.9                   | 51.6      | 35.4             | 24.2                | 22.5                  | 6.9       | 234.5          | 442.4              | 604.6              |
| —January ..           | 107.2                  | 58.9      | 39.9             | 27.5                | 25.9                  | 7.5       | 266.9          | 518.8              | 701.2              |
| —February ..          | 122.2                  | 67.0      | 45.4             | 31.5                | 29.4                  | 8.7       | 304.2          | 589.5              | 896.4              |
| 1955-56—              |                        |           |                  |                     |                       |           |                |                    |                    |
| July—December ..      | 101.2                  | 60.2      | 38.6             | 27.8                | 25.6                  | 8.8       | 262.2          | 504.7              | 688.4              |
| —January ..           | 115.4                  | 67.9      | 43.8             | 31.7                | 29.5                  | 9.4       | 297.7          | 580.2              | 786.1              |
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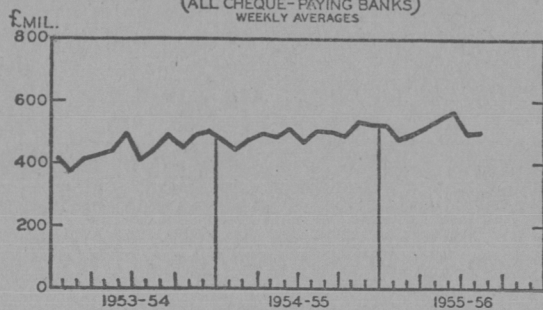
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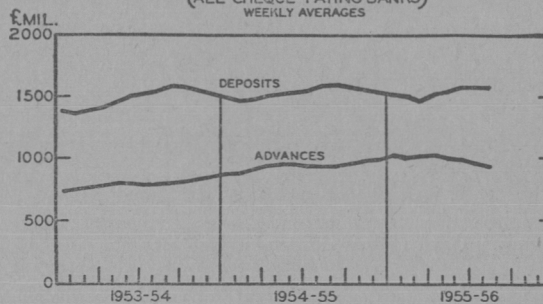
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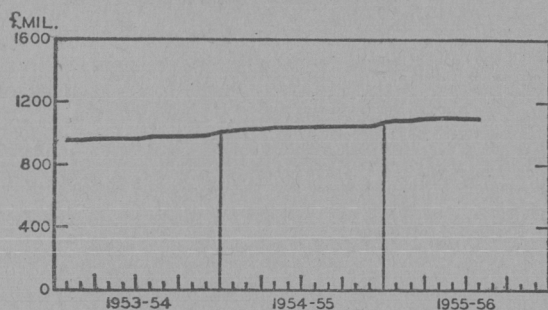
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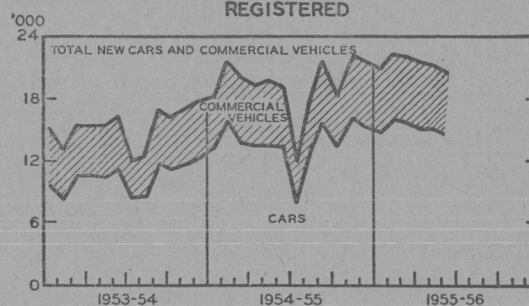
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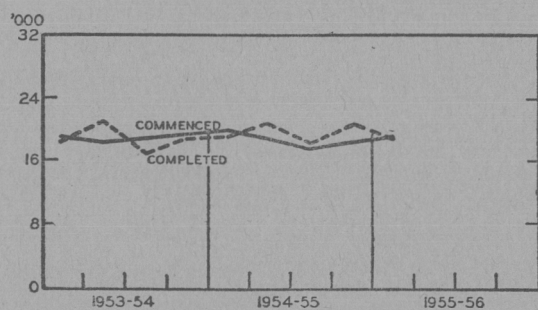
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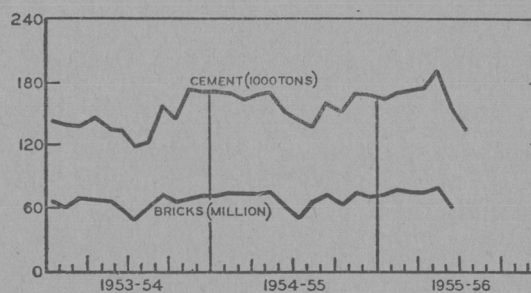
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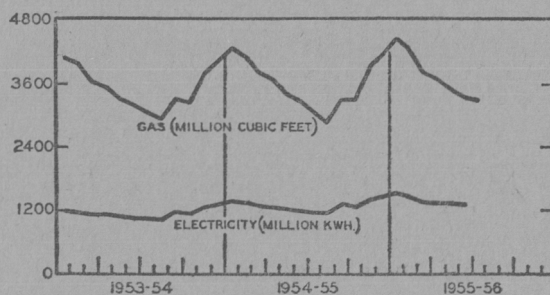
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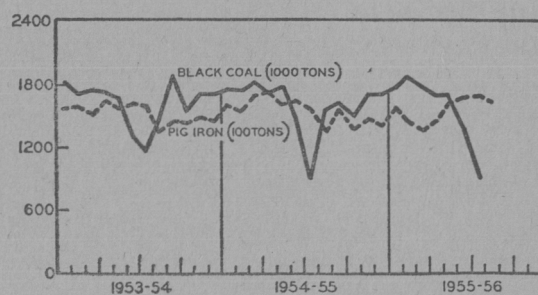
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